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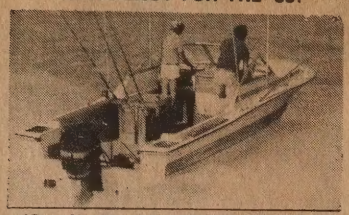

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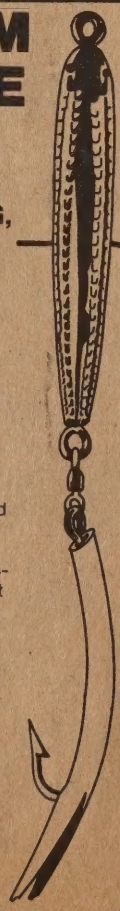

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# EDITORIAL

## FUNDING FOR RECREATIONAL ANGLING

There is little doubt that until recently recreational anglers represented, collectively, a vast sleeping giant of power and influence across the nation. In those past decades, it was difficult, to perhaps impossible, to make a case for the promotion of recreational fishing on the basis of the enterprise itself. Where gains were made and where public officials were willing to spend time and money on promoting sport fishing, it was because of the more general reason of tourism rather than support for sport fishing.

Yet, that was in a different era; or at least it seems that way now. It has become part of another time because in the last decade the data about who recreational fishermen are, where they live, how they spend their money, and perhaps most important—how they vote—has been surfacing through a maze of pre-existent data from other more vocal and outspoken sources.

To speak of power and influence is one thing, but to change the face of the land is another. I intend only a figure of speech since recreational anglers obviously have no desire to literally change the face of the land. Rather, we refer to substantive changes in the access and facilities of and for recreational fishermen. This includes the resource, since without fish to catch there will be no sport. Why is influence so different from actual promotion of the sport? The key is austerity. The entire nation is pinching pennies and no agency or governmental branch seems to be able to come up with any more money than it already has. Experts now seem to agree that tax cuts are in order to stimulate the economy and give the average taxpaying citizen a break. AMEN! Thus, we can exert considerable influence on matters that will not involve new funding, but it may be extremely difficult to get government to spend money that it simply doesn't have.

That doesn't, however, change the fact that recreational saltwater angling in this country is at an important crossroads. With influence must come change in access and in physical facilities. This is especially true in New York where virtually nothing has been done for marine recreational anglers. Thus, a great discrepancy exists between the states. In some states, such as Florida, there are tremendous ocean fishing piers, while in other southern states there may be modern boat launching ramps, extensive docks, and even hatchery programs. Freshwater anglers enjoy many of the same benefits and in even more states. Why do southern states lead the way in accommodating recreational fishermen? Easy, it's a combination of a lot of tourism and the fact that there are many senior citizens in some of those states who clamor for leisure facilities.

Thus is established the need for funding to improve the lot of saltwater anglers in New York State. There are many projects that could be attempted if only there were some money. Ocean fishing piers would provide a lot of year-round action along the south shore barrier beach. More fishing piers on the bays would bring more people of more different ages into fishing. More artificial reefs would give inshore species places of refuge and locations where recreational fishermen might have a reasonable chance of catching a fish. Docks, increased access to beaches, and launch ramps would be in order, too. Let's not forget stock assessment studies and marine research. We are finding, since the passage of the 200-Mile Limit, that a great gap exists in our knowledge. Research, stock assessments, and data gathering has provided considerable insight into many offshore fisheries, but the inshore portion of the marine coastal zone remains something of a mystery. Information will change mystery to reality and allow us to blend the inshore and offshore data so that we can better understand the total fishery: inshore and offshore components.

New York is very far behind both the southern states and their freshwater cousins across the nation. However, New York State isn't any different from the rest of the nation. To go to Albany and ask for new funds for this and that would stand about as much chance of success right now as a snow ball's chance in hell! So what do we do? Ignore the situation, deny our destiny in this state and walk away? No, of course not; yet we must look for other sources of revenue. What are these sources? Well, it would appear that there are only a few sources. One would be a license fee. A saltwater license, which has been traditionally shunned by New York saltwater fishermen, would provide revenue from two sources. First, the license itself and second, the funds that would come back from the Federal Government under the Dingell/Johnson Act. Under this law, we all pay taxes on fishing tackle and supplies. These excise taxes go to Washington and are then re-apportioned

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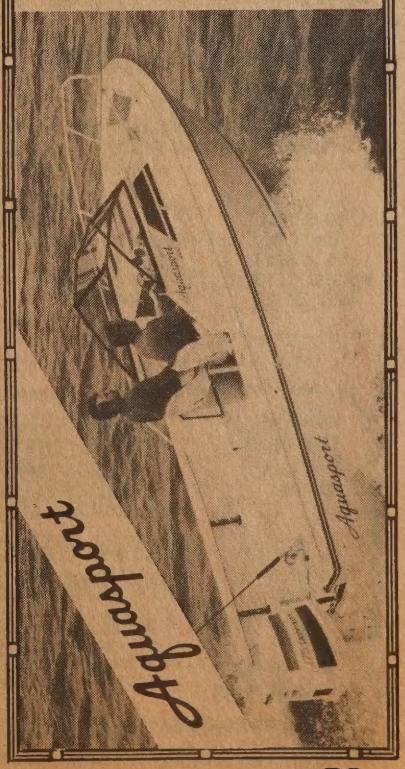

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This one of a kind charity event is sponsored by the Montauk Captains Association and will be held at Henry Colombi's Star Island Yacht Club on July 11 and 12. The Captains meeting will be Friday, July 10 at 7PM. The entry fee is $150 per boat and applications will be accepted until June 1 or when all 100 slots are filled. The Tournament is open to all individuals and fishing clubs. To date, appplications have been accepted from boats throughout Long Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and as far away as Winston Salem, Mass. It is evident that the word of last year's successful tournament has spread far and wide.

As Shark Tournaments come and go, the M.C.A.'s is unique in that its focal point is charity. Hall of all proceeds go directly to three most worthy organizations. In addition to the American Heart Fund and the American Cancer Society, the Montauk Fire Department's Ambulance Squad will also be a recipient this year. These men and women who volunteer their time do an outstanding job of ensuring that Montauk has a high level of emergency medical care. With 100 boats entered in tournament, there will be approximately $6000 allotted to these three organizations.

The remaining half of the proceeds will go directly to the contestants as prize money. The top three entrants with the heaviest sharks will split the remaining $6000. Plus, donated prizes of marine equipment and supplies will be awarded in a number of categories during the weekend. It should be noted that, unlike other tournaments, the M.C.A. makes no money whatsoever in this endeavor.

The M.C.A. promotes sportsmanship and conservation and in so doing does not believe in a shark kill. To ensure this, the rules stipulate that only one shark a day per boat may officially be weighed in. This one must exceed 100 lbs. All other sharks are to be tagged and released. A special award will be given to the boat tagging the most fish during the two day event.

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The Tournament is shaping up to be every bit as successful as last year's when it provided Montauk with one of its biggest weekends of the summer. Spectators are certainly welcome and additional information can be obtained by contacting Tournament Chairman, Jim Palumbo at 929-4782.

### NMFS ACTIVE ON L.I.

The New York enforcement office of the National Marine Fisheries Service is located at 755 New York Ave., Room 210, Huntington, NY 11743. Its agents' primary function is the enforcement of all Federal laws pertaining to ocean fisheries, marine mammals, and endangered species.

With the implementation of the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act; commonly referred to as the "200 mile limit," certain species are regulated under various management plans. Domestic commercial fishermen are required to be licensed by the agency to take yellowtail flounder, cod, haddock, squid, herring, butterfish, mackerel, surf clams, and ocean quahogs in the conservation zone, between three and two hundred miles from land. A different Federal statute affects both commercial and sport fishermen alike the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Convention Act. Basically all participating fishermen are required to be licensed in the giant bluefin tuna fishery. There are quotas placed on the taking of giants as well as school and medium size bluefins.

The agents jointly monitor offshore fishing activity of both domestic and foreign vessels with the U.S. Coast Guard. This involves at sea boardings and routine aerial surveillance. The Service has been greatly assisted in foreign fisheries enforcement by a complement of inspectors who are situated aboard these trawlers for extended periods.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act like the Endangered Species Act are tools the agency uses to facilitate wildlife conservation. Articles of schrimshawed whales teeth, perfumes containing ambergris, cosmetics comprised of spermaceti, seal fur coats, as well as a host of other marine mammals products are as a rule prohibited from being imported into the U.S. Those marine mammal products that are also categorized as being endangered are additionally restricted from interstate commerce. Lastly it is against the law to collect (whether dead or alive), take or harass these creatures.

The Lacey Act, which prohibits the interstate transportation of illegally taken wildlife is another enforcement responsibility of NMFS. In past years the pirating of seed clam out of the Great South Bay which was transported to Pennsylvnia and south was investigated. The result, 28 indictments, 28 guilty pleas, thousands of dollars in fines and numerous years of probation. Whether it be clams, lobsters or scallops, if there is interstate activity on a large scale, you can expect NMFS to get involved.

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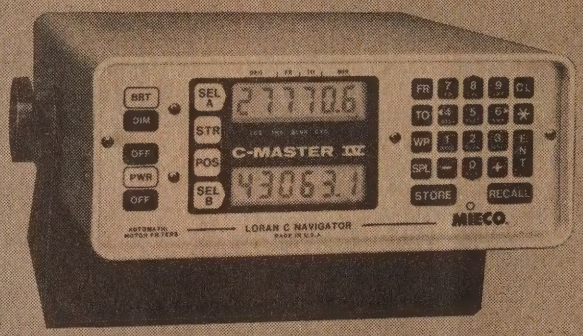


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### MONTAUK FLEET BLESSING TO BE LED BY DORY RESCUE SQUAD

The colorful parade of more than 150 pleasure, sports and commercial fishing boats in the traditional "Blessing of the Fleet" at Montauk on June 14 will be led by the stout double-ended craft of the Dory Rescue Squad of the East Hampton Baymen's Association.

Carl Darenberg, Jr., president of the ceremony's sponsoring Montauk Boatmen's Association, said the volunteer unit had earned the place of honor by its series of rescues successfully carried out during the past year. The most recent involved bringing an injured dragger boat skipper ashore to a waiting ambulance at Amagansett last May 2. The dragger had been working two miles offshore in the Atlantic but was many miles from any port where it could have been docked to transfer the injured man; it was a half-hour trip from the boat to the beach in the Rescue Dory.

The fleet blessing schedule of events will be started at 2:30 p.m. with an hour-long "Rodeo" of exhibitions by members of the Montauk Water Ski Club. Towed by speed boats between Tuma's Dock and the Star Island Coast Guard Station, the young men and women will demonstrate such activities as 6-man pyramid skiing, barefoot skiing, clown acts, 100' ski jumps, and parasail skiing. The latter involves skiiers riding high in the air behind tow boats in parachute-like gliders.

The activity involves a mixture of festivity and solemn ceremony throughout the afternoon. The boats, gaily decorated with flags and streamers and crowded with guests of the captains and crews, will assemble in Lake Montauk Harbor. More than 1,000 people will be afloat, and more thousands will line the docks and shore line to view the nautical parade. The larger vessels, such as the party fishing boats, will fill their decks with

visitors from the docks on a first come, first served basis.

At 5PM, the Rescue Dory will start leading the fleet in single file past the Town Dock and then out the harbor entrance to Block Island Sound. From a position at the end of the dock, Father John Traynor of St. Therese's Roman Catholic Church and the Rev. Thomas Holms of the Montauk Community Church will perform the rites of the "Blessing of the Fleet."

At the same time a committee of judges will be deciding which of the craft are the best decorated of the fleet. A prize will be awarded in each of two categories: pleasure boat and commercial boat.

After the last boat has been blessed, the clergymen will be taken aboard a Coast Guard vessel to rejoin the assembled fleet outside the harbor. There they will drop flower wreaths into the waters as memorials to the seamen who died the preceding year.

Meanwhile, there will be a special dinner served at Gosmans Restaurant starting at 5PM as a benefit to St. Therese's Church. It will be open to the public.

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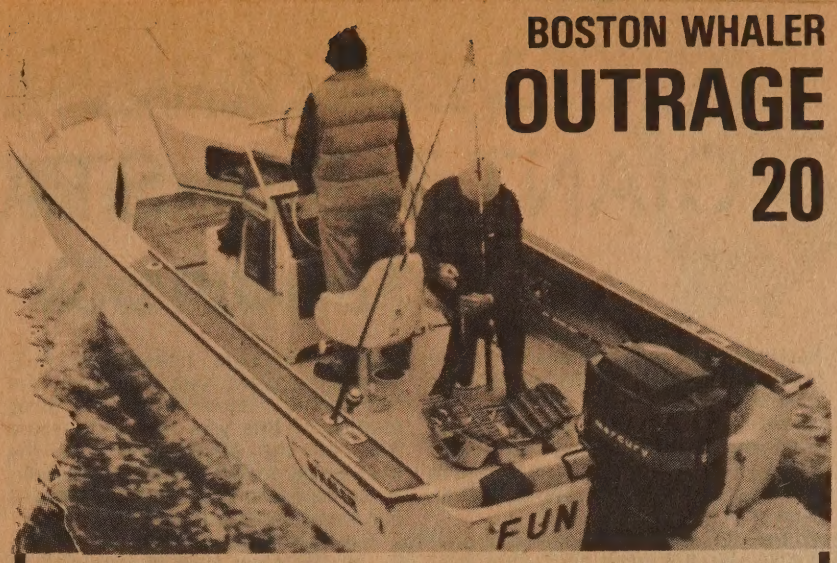


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# NATIONAL SCENE

# GIANT TUNA STATISTICS

## *by Al Ristori*

According to a recent release from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), only 53.8% of the giant bluefin tuna quota assigned to handgear was harvested last year, and the rod and reel catch in the northern area continued its steady decline of recent years.

In the area north of Cape Cod, only 299 giants were taken on rod and reel from the general quota and just 12 from the special charter boat allocation. In view of better fishing conditions, anglers south of Cape Cod were probably better off last year than they ever have been before. They caught 141 giants according to the statistics, though I suspect that the NMFS agents missed many others—and some may have even been included in the northern area after being shipped to Massachusetts dealers. Since the price dropped during the big Mud Hole run, there were some fish cut up for food and not reported—and others caught by unlicensed boats.

In the northern area, a total of 1,590 giants were taken on handgear—which is 54.7% of the assigned quota. The allowable catch limits were raised from one fish per day to two a day in August, and from two to four per day in September—but even that didn't serve to increase the catch a great deal. Just a few years ago, the quota was quickly filled and the season closed shortly after Labor Day. The total weight of the northern catch was 616.9 short tons, with an average size of 775.9 pounds. Ironically, the rod and reel portion of the general category produced slightly larger average size tuna at 801.1 lbs. On the other hand, the harpooned tuna averaged 715.9 lbs.

As compared to the 299 caught on rod and reel there were 952 hauled in on handlines, 164 harpooned (plus 136 others harpooned in a separate category—only 1/3 of the assigned quota), 20 taken on longlines, and 7 by other means. The heavily fished northern general handgear quota was the one that was most nearly filled at 64.1%.

The 141 rod and reel fish reported for the southern area weighed 31.5 short tons for an average weight of 446.9 lbs. In addition, there were 17 caught on longlines that averaged 642.4 lbs. The longline fish were probably incidental catches from the Gulf of Mexico by swordfish longliners. New regulations prohibit a directed longline fishery by U.S. vessels for giant tuna. However, the "incidental" catch for the first three months of this year was 233—more than all the giants taken in the southern area last year! Fortunately, these fish won't be counted against our small quota this year.

The figures provided do not account for all the giant tuna caught off our coasts. There is also a very substantial purse seine quota, and foreign longliners can catch all they want! The Japanese have been taking about 8,000 pre-spawning giants early each year from the Gulf of Mexico, though they agreed to lower their catch to about 7,000 this year. However, it appears that they'll maintain their total bluefin tonnage by catching the medium bluefin tuna off the Atlantic Coast that are protected from American fishermen.

Last year there were 8,180 vessels with permits in the general category, and only 486 (6%) were successful in catching at least one giant tuna. Of course, many of the permitted vessels never actually fish for giant tuna, but the prudent captain gets the permit to be safe just in case "lightning should strike." These permits can be obtained at no charge by writing to William C. Jerome, Jr., NMFS, 14 Elm Street, Gloucester, MA 01930. Now is the time to do it—long before the season starts!

Since 1975, a total of 1,145 giant tuna have been tagged by sportsmen (560) and purse seiners (585)—and 59 have been recaptured during that same time period. Of these, 14 were on longlines, 16 on handlines, 10 on rod and reel, 8 on harpoons, and 7 in purse seines. Two were found dead and the method of recapture was unreported for two others. The time spent at large for the tagged giants varied from 2 to 774 days. Of the 15 tagged giants at large for over one year, 11 were tagged and recaptured in the area from Cape Cod to Cape Porpoise, Maine. Three tagged in that area were recaptured in the Gulf of Mexico and one tagged in the Straits of Florida was recaptured in the Gulf of Mexico.

If there's one thing that the declining rod and reel catches in the northern area (they used to be about equal to the handline catches, but now are less than 1/3) prove, and that is the fact that quality rod and reel fishing is not compatible with an intense handline and harpoon fishery. Therefore, concerned anglers better get letters off to NMFS Regional Director Al Peterson (14 Elm St., Gloucester, MA 01930) offering support for my proposal to restrict the southern area (south of Cape Cod) catch to rod and reel!

### Golden Swordfish Award to Steve Sloan

Last week we mentioned the Golden Swordfish Award presented to Lou Figurelli by the National Coalition for Marine Conservation (NCMC). At the same time, another Golden Swordfish Award went to noted New York sportsman and NCMC Director Steve Sloan in recognition of his great efforts during the 1979-80 campaign to add bluefin tuna to the 200-Mile Limit law. Steve has long been active in conservation activities, as well as in helping underprivileged children get a start in fishing. He also holds many light tackle and fly rod world records, including an 862 lb. black marlin on 30 lb!

Also receiving Golden Swordfish awards were John M. Olin of St. Louis, for his efforts to secure an international treaty for the conservation and management of Atlantic salmon, and two longtime generous supporters of NCMC: Roger T. Stone of Madisonville, LA and Joseph A. Lopez of Jensen Beach, FL.

### Are There Fish in the The West Bank Pits?

Lou Figurelli has been fighting hard against a demonstration project that would result in dumping in the West Bank area of New York Harbor. This area abounds in good fishing grounds, but there is some question as to whether the 40-60 foot deep pits which were dug out for fill in past years are productive spots. The Stony Brook scientists associated with this project seem to think they're dead areas, though they really haven't been able to get much information about them. In order to resolve this question, Lou Figurelli requests that any fishermen (particularly captains) working that area write to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Rd., Albany, NY with a copy to Lou at the Natural Resources Protective Assn. of Staten Is., P.O. Box 306, Great Kills, Staten Is., NY 10308. Reports of both positive and negative results would be appreciated.

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2. BOUNDARIES: All of the waters of The Great and Little Peconic Bay and Shelter Island Sound, including all creeks and harbors, from Riverhead to the eastern tip of Shelter Island.

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# Equipment in Fiberglass

## *by Bob Whittier*

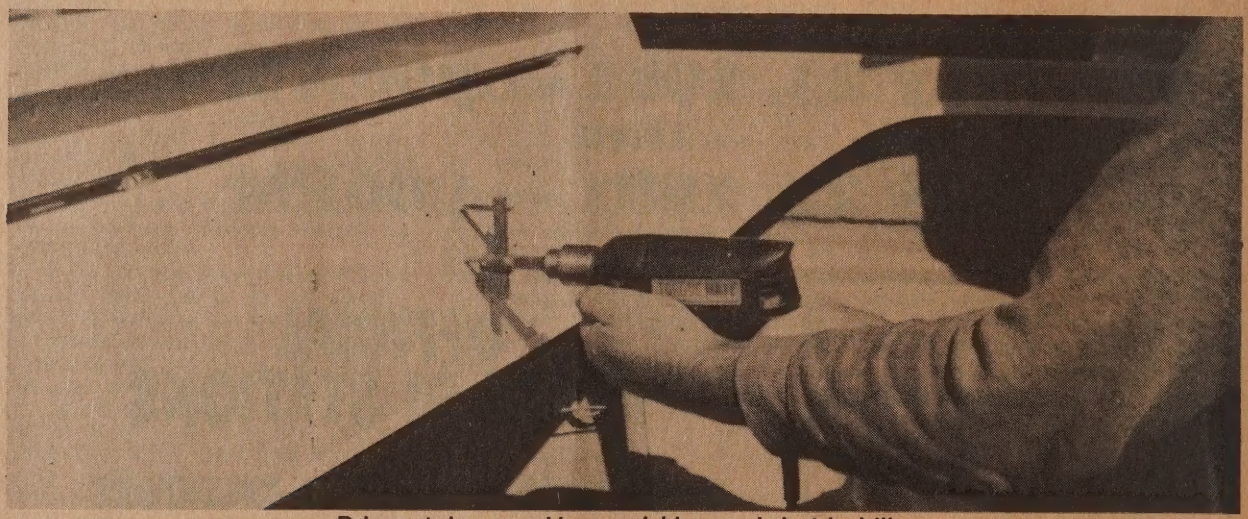
If anywhere there lives an enthusiastic fisherman who has never felt the urge to customize his boat with choice pieces of fishing equipment, he ought to make himself known to the TV people...they'd rush to feature him on "That's Incredible!"

On the other hand, it's a certainty that the land is full of fellows who would just love to outfit their boats with good equipment, but they hesitate to do so because they do not know how to make the necessary holes in fiberglass boats.

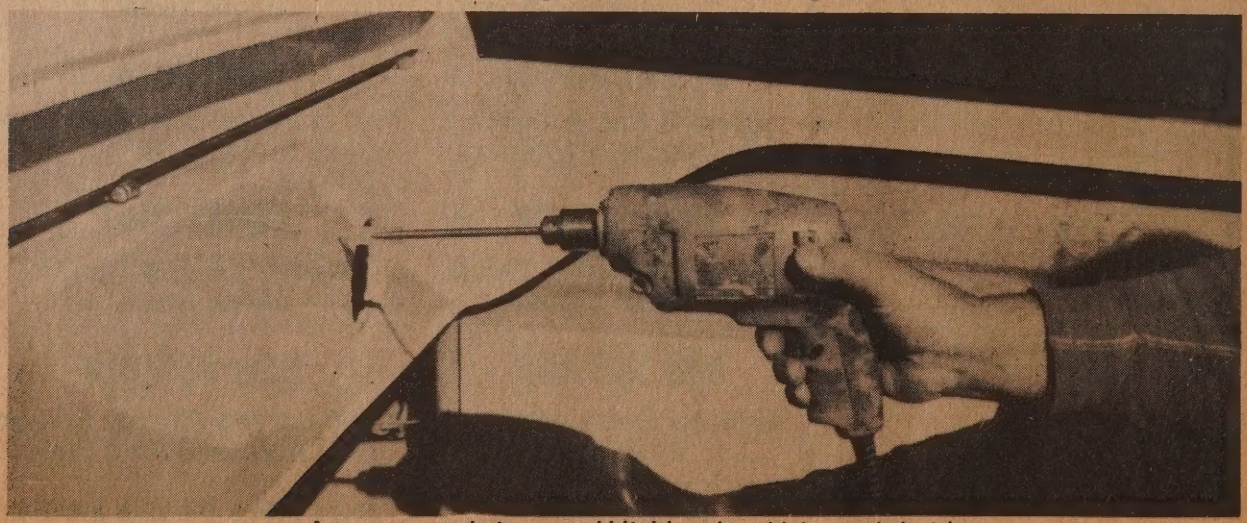
Well, happily, the task isn't the formidable one many seem to think it is. No special tools or skills are needed. Common woodworking tools will do the job—if used with a little know-how.

Instruments, clips, holders and small items of equipment are often attached with machine screws of the common 6-32, 8-32 and 10-24 sizes. Holes for them can be made in fiberglass by using common high-speed twist drills in an electric drill. Use a fine point felt tip pen to mark hole locations. Care is needed to keep the point of the drill from "walking" on the smooth, hard surface of fiberglass. Hold the electric drill firmly, start it, and bring the drill point slowly and carefully down onto the fiberglass. Watch for and restrain any tendency for it to "walk." It sometimes helps to put painter's masking tape onto the work surface prior to marking and drilling. The drill point bites into it and it seems to help prevent "walking."

If yours is a variable speed drill, "walking" may be easier to control. Press the drill tip onto the work with light pressure, amounting to some-



**Driven at slow speed by a variable-speed electric drill, this hole cutter can make a large round hole for steering wheel installation.**



**A common spade-type wood bit driven by a high speed electric drill does a good job of making bolt holes in fiberglass.**

thing similar to that used with a pen or pencil, and start the electric drill slowly. Larger twist drills—those in the one-quarter to three-eighths inch size—will "walk" more because of their broader lips. Drilling a pilot hole with approximately a three-sixteenths drill can help here.

For holes from about one-quarter to one-half an inch diameter, a high-speed wood bit of the "spade" type made for use with electric drills will work well. The sharp point bites readily into fiberglass and prevents "walking," while the cutting edges of the blades work into the material without catching and tearing, as may the lips of a larger twist drill.

For holes of over about one-half or five-sixteenths inch diameter, a round "hole saw" of the type sold in all hardware stores will work best. The small teeth avoid chipping the gel coat on the outer surface of the fiberglass, and tearing of the laminate. Hole saws up to five or six inches in diameter are available. Cheap ones won't last more than a few holes in fiberglass before dulling. Good ones cost around three to five dollars each.

If you'd rather not spend this much just to make a few large round holes, you can use an adjustable hole cutter, also called a fly cutter. A variable speed electric drill must be used with one of these, to turn it slowly enough to avoid two problems. If rotated too fast, such a hole cutter can wobble from centrifugal force, and its cutting blade can move too fast for safety of the work being done. Using a hole cutter, let the cutter work at its own slow place: if you force it, it can dig into the work suddenly and make the whole tool rig jump, with possible injury to yourself or damage to tool or work.

To make rectangular or irregularly-shaped holes, use a sabre saw fitted with a fine-tooth metal cutting blade. It's wise to put masking tape on the area to be cut, so the foot of this tool won't scratch fiberglass gel coat around the edge of the hole as the saw moves along, vibrating somewhat as it goes. Mark outlines of the hole, make "starter" and "turning" holes at the corners with a drill, and just go to work. Don't force the saw blade; let it move along at its own pace.

Sawn edges can be smoothed up with abrasive paper having grains made of silicon carbide or aluminum oxide. This is the kind of paper commonly used with power sanders.

Use discretion before making holes in fiberglass. Keep them as far from edges as possible and don't make a hole in some area so large that it would obviously weaken the fiberglass structure. If while you are making a hole, you see wood chips coming out along with the fiberglass debris, do not be alarmed. It is very common to use balsa wood or plywood core material to stiffen fiberglass transoms, decks, dashboards, etc., by making the overall laminate thicker.

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# FISH TALK

# FISHY-NITIONS

## by William A. Muller

THOUGHTS ON A RAINY DAY! Have you ever sat, looking out the window at the rain, and contemplated fishing? Not in terms of a mental rehashing of skills and desires, but thinking about how this sport has gotten under your skin, about the manipulating of time and people that you have done in order to "get free" to fish, and about the reactions (deep inside) that you have to catching fish. If you have never indulged, then let me suggest that you never allow yourself to do this, because should you engage in a deep mental review of yourself and fishing, you may be scared by what you find!

ONE DAY! Well, it happened to me one rainy day last winter. That in itself was strange, because there weren't too many rainy days during the winter drought. As I sat there, my mind began to ramble to many things and suddenly I was aware that I was having some absurd thoughts. I was searching my mind for daffy definitions of various "buzz" words used in the sport. When reality finally caught up to me, I realized that I had developed quite a list. Now, I know that I'm no Jack Benny, Milton Berle, or George Carlin, but I venture to share these novel definitions with you. I tested them on my wife Susan, who generally has a splendid sense of humor and who is a very accomplished angler. Her response was very luke warm. Actually, she never laughed once, gave me one polite smile, and suggested that the winter cold had given me frostbite of the brain. She may be right, and there is only one way to find out, I thought, and that's to push them off onto our gracious readers and see what they think. The thought also occurred to me that maybe some of you are as brave as I am and you might have a few of your own FISHY-NITIONS that you could tell us about. Who knows, we may be on the precipice of a whole new field in outdoor writing. Imagine, if you will, a never-ending communication circle of daffy definitions about fishing. Why, I can envision the day when I'll have collected so many of the strange definitions that I'll be able to spend a whole day at the rain-flooded window and never have to originate another weird definition. I tell you, the possibilities for intellectual stimulation on rainy days is without limits.

ONE THING FOR SURE! You know Ol' Doc has been described as an absent-minded professor; and I agree. The memory capability fits, so I'll wear it. I have been accused of having an outer limits sense of humor which some say is another way of saying that I lack one! Well, your responses will tell me where I stand. Either I have made a great and brilliant discovery, or my senility has finally advanced past my ear level.

HERE THEY ARE then, for good or no good. Are you ready? Please make sure that you're in a good mood before you start. I mean, after all, you do want to give me a fair shake!?

1. Lure: a device of modern and ancient technology that attracts people away from warm comfortable living rooms into sporting goods stores.
2. Bunker dunker—Type I: someone who swims whole bunker, sinks cut bunker from a boat, and catches fish.
3. Bunker dunker—Type II: someone who fishes bunker into the surf, watches rod tiptops, and doesn't catch fish.
4. Terminal tackle: tackle at the end of your line. It is called terminal because it is usually responsible for terminating your fishing trips by getting caught on bottom, tangled in the boat, or lost in your tackle box.
5. Striped bass: a once abundant species that lives in myth and legend. Old-timers say that it was a powerful fish that had stripes.
6. Chum: localized organic pollution created by fishermen who detest pollution.
7. Sea worm: what you buy for bait instead of a fur coat for your wife.
8. Surf fisherman: someone who likes to cast, walk great distances, enjoys the out-of-doors, and doesn't care too much about catching fish.
9. Party boat: a vessel that sails to places known to only a few, often returns to port like a ghost through the fog, and is known to be frequented by sick people. One expert referred to this as a refuge for battered husbands.
10. Bluefish: once known as piranha

**On rare and infrequent occasions, surf fishermen do catch fish. See "Fishy-Nition" #8.**

in South America, before someone opened a control gate on the Amazon River. Also known as King Neptune's "hit men."

11. Lure bag: more confusing than the inside of a transistorized television from Japan. However, it has no entertainment values, contains items of great value, but few understand why or how to find them when needed.
12. Floundering: fishing for flatfish in mid-February when all you can expect to catch is a cold or frostbite.
13. Drag: the way a surf fisherman feels after fishing all night without a fish.
14. Reel clicker: mechanism installed by experts into reels so that they know when other fishermen are catching fish.
15. Hotspots: locations where they caught a lot of fish last week.
16. Blitz: surf fishing phenomena that occurs when dormant surf fishermen "pop" out of the sand when large numbers of game fish hit the suds zone.
17. Cow bass: Long Island striper that weighed 50 lbs. in 1950, 40 lbs. in 1960, 30 lbs. in 1970, and is of unknown weight in 1981.
18. Secret spot: location marked with an "X" on the side of your uncle's rowboat 20 years ago, and revisited ceremoniously each year by his beloved descendents.
19. Hanger: a codfish that weighed 60 lbs. in 1950, 50 lbs. in 1960, 40 lbs. in 1970, and 30 lbs. in 1980.
20. Doormat fluke: a fluke that weighed 10 lbs. in 1955, was extinct in 1965, and weighed 15 lbs. in 1975.
21. Blowfish: an imaginary fish that looks like a thorny ping-pong ball, has the teeth of a donkey, and the tail of a seahorse. This fish was reported to have been caught by your grandfather.
22. Tiderunner: a weakfish that was caught by your grandfather, was unknown to your father, and has recently been caught by you. This fish weighed 5 lbs. in 1935 and 1945, was extinct in 1955 and 1965, weighed 8 lbs. in 1975, and as much as 18 lbs. in 1980.
23. Mussel: effective bait that is too soft to put on the hook in very cold weather, but is useless during the summer.
24. A surf rod: a rod that is too small to cast far enough with and too big to store away anywhere.
25. Wind: something that makes big, big waves every time you go fishing.
26. Buoy: a navigation assistance device that is never in the same place two years in a row.
27. Waders: boots that are made too long to keep you very dry, but which always leak.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS. That is the end of today's silliness. I hope that you found at least one or two to chuckle over. If not, let me know and I'll never again give in to myself. If you like the idea, send your FISHY-nitions to me care of The Long Island Fisherman.


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# NIGHT & DAY

## by D.W. Anthony

The late spring and then again in the fall are ideal times to catch game fish in daylight hours. Of course, the daylight fishing for predators isn't as good as it was decades ago, but the possibilities shouldn't be ignored. If a surf fisherman works both the day and the night hours according to the most productive tidal stages, the likelihood of making significant catches will improve.

Not every place along the Island's beaches will be equally productive. It's best to concentrate your efforts along the north shore beaches, the south shore inlets, and Montauk. One can't predict ahead of time where good fishing will develop. There's a lot of us who wish that we could, for obvious reasons. Once we get over our fantasies and return to reality, we begin to realize that if we want to find fish we'll simply have to work hard and look carefully. The price of gasoline may be a factor here, and fishermen who live in the western part of the Island may shun an "iffy" trip to Montauk, while East Enders may not want to trek to Jones or Fire Island Inlets. The type of bait that we have in any abundance will be a factor as well. Actually, much can be learned about important factors from the fishing reports in The Long Island Fisherman. Reporters may comment on the amount of a certain bait, or mention an outstanding catch, or refer to several unexpected daytime fish. These are good indicators. You may want to follow up such reports with a phone call to a bait and tackle shop in proximity to the reported site of the catch.

Cutting down on the odds by reading, thinking, talking to others, and a careful look at your log book are important in the hunt. Perhaps the two most important pieces of information to consider will be locations to fish and the techniques one decides to use. Let's take the areas one by one.

Although each fisherman will have his or her favorite spots, and although there are no guarantees, I prefer to do a lot of my daytime fishing this time of year in the inlets and back-bay spots. Years ago, the drawbridge between Oak Island and the Captree boat basin behind Fire Island was a super spring location. In recent years there have been fewer weaks taken here, but good fishing is still had from time to time. The key is consistency. In recent years I have found that the best chances of success have existed when

**western back-bay channels, the flats in those bays, and the north shore should produce good quantities of school bass in daylight.**

a high tide occurs either in late afternoon or around daybreak. Last year fishermen working the northwest corner had some very good innings with fish that weighed up to and over ten pounds. The favorite lure here for several years now has been the red Mann's Jellyworm, but Mister Twisters and Eel Worms have also taken their share. Although red and white have been consistent producers, I can remember at least a few times when lime Mister Twisters were the hot lure.

Don't expect the fish to come marching through like a legion of soldiers. Often they move through with the tide and never show. Fishermen who have experience with this area know this and they keep their worms deep and methodically and patiently work the area. If the water is cold, the "hit" will be more like a tap, so be alert. Crowds can be a problem both in working the lure properly and in fighting a fish. Typically a single angler will take a fish after a period of total inactivity. If this angler is the first one in line on the up-tide side of the line, more hits may occur down the line as the fish move through—so be alert.

The flats behind the Store at Oak Beach also produce during the day, but can be more consistent at night. Bait seems to be the key here. Shrimp and sand eels are the usual bait, but large shoals of spearing sometimes move through. The key, again, is to spend a lot of time fishing.

In the inlets, the best action will usually take place during the summer and at night and we've been warned that another writer has been given this assignment, so we'll leave that discussion. However, it should be noted, that at times schools of weaks, bass, and blues can be seen chasing bait at the mouths of the inlets during the daylight hours even as early as late April. A few years back I had a ball with one to four pound blues in Fire Island Inlet on April 26th. Thus, it's always worth a look-see if you're already in the area.

Who knows what will happen at Montauk this year. The boys had their fun last year under the Light with weaks and some bass and blues. This action started in the fall and was confined mostly to the night. However, in past years there has been

good fishing for bass and weaks in the day. The best spot for this in those years was Gin Beach and Shagwong. Again, so much depends upon the bait: how much of it there is and where it takes up residence. Nonetheless, Montauk always poses the possibility of some hot daytime action in both the spring and the fall. An abundance of sand eels at Gin Beach and Shagwong seems to help the daytime fishing along. Without doubt, dusk and dawn periods seem to be best although in the fall (especially on cloudy days) the fish can blitz the beach at any time.

Surf fishermen at Montauk prefer to use tins and small swimming plugs. RedFins and Rebels from three to seven inches were favorites. The advantage to using the swimming plugs, if the fish will hit them in the day, is that you don't have to change over when it gets dark. Bucktails and plastic worms will also work well, although few of the Montauk regulars use them out there.

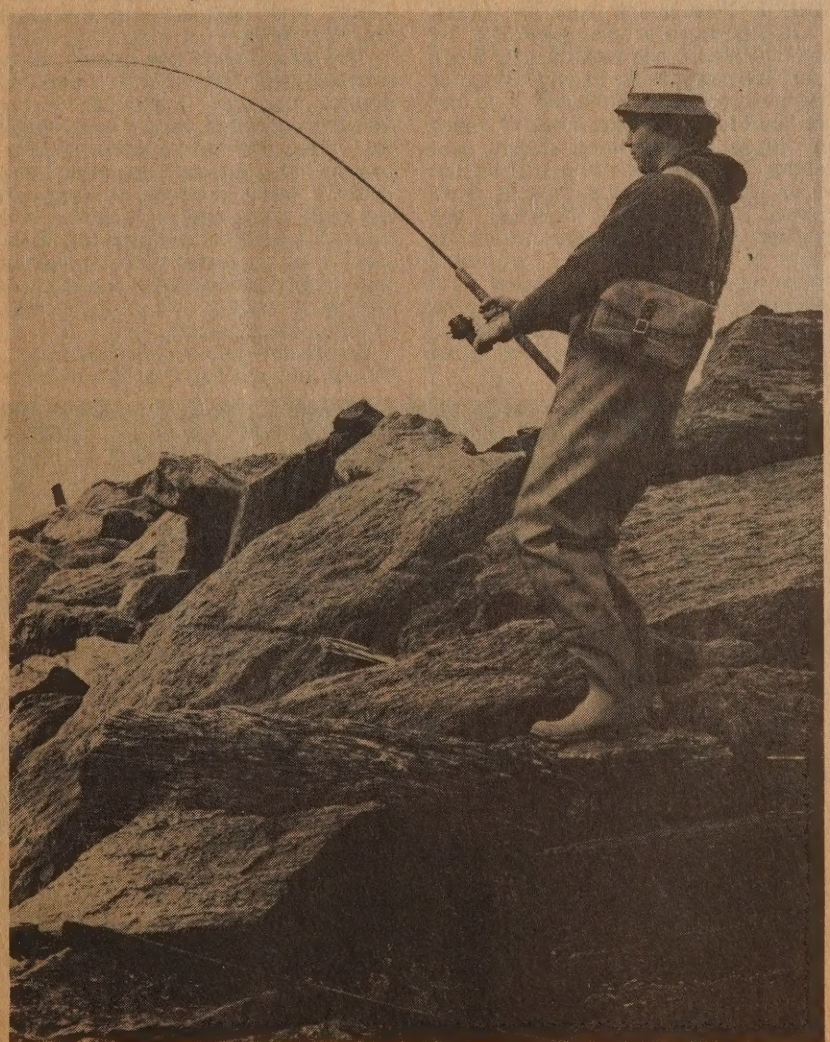
One of the most important elements of technique to be remembered, most surfmen suggest, is to change the retrieve after the sun goes down. Frenzied predators may prefer a jerky fast-moving lure in daylight since they are already swimming quickly along the beach chasing bait, but after dark the entire scene changes. Concentrations of baitfish are not so easily seen and even when game fish find them, they are scattered quickly and it is hard for the predators to stay with the bait. Thus, the game fish usually take on a more casual feeding approach. This approach tends not to "spook" the bait as easily as the frenzied daytime feeding. Thus, everything slows down and so should the surf fisherman. Work the lures more slowly and allow whatever currents may be present to pull on the lure and coax it into a gentle wiggle—an imitation of a wounded and isolated prey. A game fish passing will find it hard to resist. Also, many fishermen suggest that you reel the lure all the way in. Perhaps in daylight it is good strategy to quickly retrieve once the lure has passed through the productive zone; at night the fish will spread out and be less shy about chasing bait right into the surf zone. Therefore, maintain a steady retrieve all the way to where you stand, because a weak or bass may be following and when it would appear that the prey may escape, it is then when the game fish may decide to hit. It is also not uncommon for a predator to turn at the last second, not hit your lure, but create a large swirl. Sometimes a quick short cast can get that fish as it glides back towards deeper water.

Teasers have proven to be valuable allies to the surf fishermen in recent years. Some suggest that the teaser helps out in two ways. First, the appeal of what seems to be a small fish chasing an even smaller fish can induce a strike from an otherwise uninterested game fish; and second, having two lures of greatly different sizes allows the angler to attempt to match the hatch in two sizes. Commonly, small bait dominates and it can be hard to get a very small offering out to where the fish are. The standard plug helps you in this respect and when you retrieve, it is the teaser that will attract the fish. Best teasers have been white, yellow, pink, and at times, black feathers, small weightless bucktails, and more recently the Red Gill which was "hot" at Montauk—especially from North Bar to the Light.

Although access to the north shore beaches isn't as easy as to the south shore beaches, there are enough locations available and enough fish to make the effort worth while. Town beaches and State Park beaches are the best access points and bass will be the number one daytime and evening species. Right now, there appears to be a goodly number of Hudson bass and thus the action may be predictably good especially for school fish. The falling tide in the last two hours before dark and the first two after sunrise are the best times. Funny, in early or late season how these game fish can suddenly turn off the feed bag when the sun goes down and turn it on again when the sun comes up: not our classic image of the game fish.

Small swimming plugs are usually used at night for best results, but I have found that they work well in the day on the north shore. As the tide drops, there may not be enough water for tins, tubes, plastic worms, or even sinking swimmers, but the floaters can sneak across even the skinniest water. The bass will take them too, but the retrieve should be quite quick and with frequent twitches of the rod tip. A bass feeding in daylight may be so charged up that it misses the plug, but may come back two or three times for the same offering. Therefore, keep that lure coming in at a steady pace.

In summary, we all like to fish daylight hours. After all, we can see the fish hit and we can enjoy the fight fully. Spring and fall are the best times for this, so get going before the summer doldrums set in. For species, it will likely be the weaks on the south shore, bass on the north shore, and any one of several possibilities from weaks to nothing at Montauk. Sharpen those hooks and fit a little daylight into your routine.



**Heavy tackle often isn't necessary in daytime, quiet water fishing.**

# SINKER BOUNCING

# FLUKE BASICS

## Part One — *by Matt Ahern*

At one time Long Island was known as the fluke fisherman's paradise. No question about it. Just ask any old-timer. It mattered not if fishing was done aboard charter or party boats, private craft, or rental skiffs—Long Island's enormous summertime fluke population accommodated the multitudes of fishermen who sought them. Shore-bound anglers vied for choice spots along the Island's many canals, creek banks, jetties and breakwaters. Every fluke-hunting fisherman knew he could expect some measure of success—once the basics were learned. In this, they were seldom disappointed. I can vouch for that, for I was one of those fishermen.

And because of this, even with the scarcity which has been our lot these past few years, it is not surprising our beginning fishermen insist it is not difficult to catch fluke. They've heard all those pulse-stirring stories, you know. Therefore, if you just put them over the fish, they'll take it from there. My experience, however, has proved that even in the wondrous days of plenty, skill and know-how were required to fill that bucket. It is required even more so today. By no stretch of the imagination should fluke be considered easy marks for the baited hook.

We've all heard those tales about novice anglers who go out and fish rings around experienced fishermen. Don't believe it! Not one word. Nothing in the fishing game takes the place of experience and knowledge. Especially is this true when fluke are the target.

Experienced fishermen will agree when I say the most interesting fact about fluke is that the biggest one is still down there waiting for some salt-encrusted sharpie who knows exactly what he's doing. These fellows know large fluke prowl shallow bays as well as the deeper offshore grounds, and with a little "luck" their next one may well be a record breaker.

This anticipation has caused many a dedicated fisherman's heart to pound. And well it should, for the largest doormat on record weighed 26 lbs. True, this was a commercially-caught fish, but each summer Long Island's water produce doormats in the high teens and on occasion one hears of a whopper nudging the 20 lb. mark. I am convinced that if and when that long-standing record is broken, it will be accomplished by a fisherman in Long Island waters.

Before one gets his hopes too high, though, let me say that the average fluke caught today is about a pound-and-a-half. Five and ten pounders, however, roam Long Island Waters each summer and many are caught throughout the season. The angler's chances of hooking a couple are always good. "Shorts"—those fluke under 14" in length—are common and protected by law. They **must** be returned. This New York State Law is strictly enforced.

Before we get into how to catch fluke, let's take a minute and check tackle requirements.

When fishing inside protected bays and areas where two to four ounce bank sinkers hold with little difficulty, I find it best to use a medium-weight spinning rod and matching reel filled with at least 100 yds. of ten to fifteen pound test monofilament line.

For fishing inlets, ocean beaches, and similar areas where currents require heavier sinkers, it is wise to dispense with spinning tackle entirely and place complete faith in a medium-weight conventional rod and matching reel filled with 150 yds. of twenty pound test mono.

When seeking doormat fluke on ocean wrecks in late summer and early fall, conventional tackle is an absolute must. To use whippy tackle here will cause much difficulty due to

**There is no finer fluke bait than a strip of sea robin.**

the heavier sinkers needed to combat tidal conditions—to say nothing of the headaches involved should a huge doormat consider the bait worthy of attention.

Using correct tackle is important, of course, but knowing how to rig is even more so. Actually, it can mean the difference between a successful trip and one which leaves much to be desired. Difficulties arise when fishermen forget the basic rule pertaining to all bottom fishing: the less hardware, the better.

The common pitfall when rigging for fluke is in the use of gadgets—and fishermen love gadgets. Which is fine, of course, when the limitations of those gadgets are understood. However, many fluke anglers load their terminal gear with cumbersome items that do absolutely nothing but frighten fish and gather copious amounts of weed and other bottom debris. No fluke fisherman needs those swiveling hook lears, spinner blades, and glittering, colorful beads dreamed up to part him from his hard-earned buck.

All that is required is a suitable bank sinker, a #1 three-way swivel (many veteran fluke fishermen even reject this simple item), a three-foot twenty pound test leader, and a 3/0 to 5/0 Carlisle hook—that's it. Nothing more, nothing less. These four simple rig components are all that's necessary to catch fluke anywhere, any time. Terminal gear more elaborate than this is not only a waste of money, but certain to reduce your catch. Proper leader material is important. A word of caution: never substitute mono from your reel. It will curl and twist, causing no end of difficulty.

Exact hook size is determined by where the fishing is done. A 3/0 should be used in bays and other inshore areas, a 4/0 for fishing ocean inlets and beaches, and 5/0 when doormat fishing over the offshore wrecks and banks.

Rigging is simple.

The main line is tied to one eye of the swivel, preferably with an Improved Clinch Knot, a five-inch piece of mono with a previously prepared sinker loop added to another eye, and the rig completed by attaching the leader and hook to the remaining eye. Fluke absolutely demand a bait that is presented in a natural-like manner and this rig will do exactly that. For those fishermen who don't care to use three-way swivels, it is a simple matter to form a double-overhand knotted loop in the main line three inches above the sinker and attach the leader.

Bait selection is no problem. If it swims or appears to be swimming, fluke will accept it. Personal experience has shown, however, that given the opportunity, fluke do favor one bait over another.

For inshore fishing, I don't belive there is a more productive fluke bait than a lively two-inch killie. It is necessary that these be placed on the hook so that they swim and act naturally. If a killie is hooked through the back, let's say, or in the middle of the body, it will spin and kink the leader no matter how efficient the swivel. And you may be sure no self-respecting fluke will chase after a killie being drifted or jigged along bottom in the manner of a whirling dervish.

Killies may be hooked in several ways, each depending upon where and how the fishing is done. When shore fishing and casting is necessary, I believe it best to hook the killie in the mouth and out the gill cover (gently). This prevents a snap-off when casting. When boat fishing, or wherever casting is not required to reach the fish, hooking the killie through both lips is preferred. However, when this method is used, it will be necessary to avoid setting the hook at the instant the fish's weight is felt. The fluke must be given a few moments to mouth the bait. Failure to do this aids cautious fluke to steal bait and escape the hook.

Next in preference for inshore fishing is a strip of sea robin. These fish are common in summer and should be used whenever possible, for when properly prepared, they are great fluke producers. I'm a firm believer in sea robin bait. It has many good points and I've caught thousands of fluke on it. For instance, it is rarely lost when casting, nor is it easily stolen by clever fluke. It is not unusual to catch a half-dozen fish with one strip before it becomes too ragged for continued use.

Sea robin preparation is easy and takes but seconds. It is important not to scale. When scales are left on, the bait remains supple; this is a decided advantage. I have experimented with scaleless and skinless strips and have always had best results when using unscaled and unskinned baits.

As mentioned, preparation is easy. The sea robin is held down by the head—preferably with a rag to avoid contact with the sharp spines—and a cut is made slightly aft of the vent to the backbone. The knife is run along the bone to the tail and the strip removed. This procedure is repeated on the opposite side. Each piece is then sliced in half, lengthways. Any ragged edges are trimmed. The idea is to have that bait glide smoothly along the bottom much like a baitfish. For best results, each piece should be not longer than three inches. When properly prepared, each slice will be tapered and fish-shaped without further effort on the fisherman's part.

The dark slices are fished over known sand bottom, and the light ones over mud. The hook is inserted once—and only once—through the wide part, about one-third of an inch from the end. This allows the strip to flutter enticingly in the current. Remember, it is important to give fluke several seconds to mouth this bait before attempting to set the hook.

Next week we'll go into other baits, drifting, trolling, and how to wreck fish for doormat fluke.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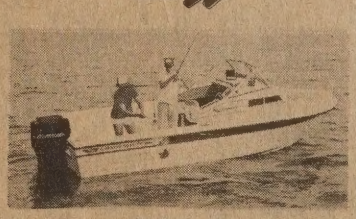

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# MEMORIES OF YESTERYEAR

## by Dick Mermon

As fishermen, we usually reminisce about a season recently past, or a few years ago. We rarely search our minds to past decades. However, were those bygone days as glorious as ours? Some anglers can relate to instances, common catches, and activities of yesteryear.

Modern technology has brought a tremendous upsurge in sport fishing. Yet, before the days of sonar (depth/fish locators), loran numbers, or even wireless radio communications, many party boat captains and sport fishermen found their quarry by compass and the point of their noses; in addition to a little instinct and imagination.

For instance, it has never been publicly mentioned how a reported catch was announced before the party boat reached its port. Prior to the use of ship-to-shore radios in Freeport, N.Y., messages were transmitted via carrier pigeon. That's right, PIGEON! At the Freeport Boatman's Association, on Guy Lombardo Ave., there remains a small white shanty, with pigeon hatches on its upper area. An insignificant, white wooden building that played a tremendous role in receiving not only distress calls, or schooling fish locations, but activities

Captain Ray Whittaker nets a weak for a member of the "Cotton Club."

of the day's catch before the boat arrived. Each party boat leaving from the dock held at least four homing pigeons on board. When fish were taken in great numbers, or an unusual catch made, a pigeon was released with a message and that bird hightailed it straight for shore, to Freeport's coop. Immediately upon touchdown the message was read and the association staff photographer would be waiting for that boat with camera in readiness.

Freeport was not the only location which maintained some of the sharpest skippers, for the old Babylon Town Dock had one of the most attentive specialists seeking weakfish. His name is Captain Ray Whittaker and during those vintage days the boat "Comfort" proved to be just that for members of the WA-WA-Yonda Club. If great interest was stimulated by weakfish the past seven years, in the 1920s and early 30s, weaks supported tremendous stakes by wealthy sportsmen who sustained an organization called "The Cotton Thread Club." This exclusive club were members of a fraternity housed at the Wa-Wa-Yonda Club on Little Captree Island, facing Snake Creek Channel. On each excursion within the Great South Bay, the aggregation would wager on the largest weakfish caught that day, employing only split bamboo rods, Von Hofe or Mieissel-back reels, and the lightest cotton sewing thread available. On occasions this fragile line would break at under 3/4 pound pull. Here was a "test of tests" and required more than just dumb luck because the reels had no drag systems; only the application of the angler's thumb on the rotating spool. After a few hundred lost dollars, a fisherman had to acquire an educated thumb or find himself with an empty pocket.

Although the organization no longer exists, there still remains scarred traces of the clubhouse and its bulkhead, where shifting sands slowly conceal a bygone era.

When we compare our charter and party boats of today to those when "men were men" I'll take the comfort of now. Back then, anglers did not rely on coziness, but merely an enjoyable trip with plenty of fish. Open boats sailed to the very same locations we fish today such as the Cholera Banks, Southeast Grounds, or Mussel Grounds. Those open boats belonged to a breed of boat of the "smack" design; wide open and strictly for fishing.

Weather permitting, the young ladies took an active part in angling for enjoyment as well as food and did rather well at that. Often the catches were not only of sea trout, but other species too. Blackfish, porgies, and striped bass were among the gamesters that feed on the grass shrimp along with an occasional blowfish and bluefish.

Unusual species were not uncommon in those days either. During the

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**This is what the Babylon Town Dock looked like after the 1938 hurricane.**

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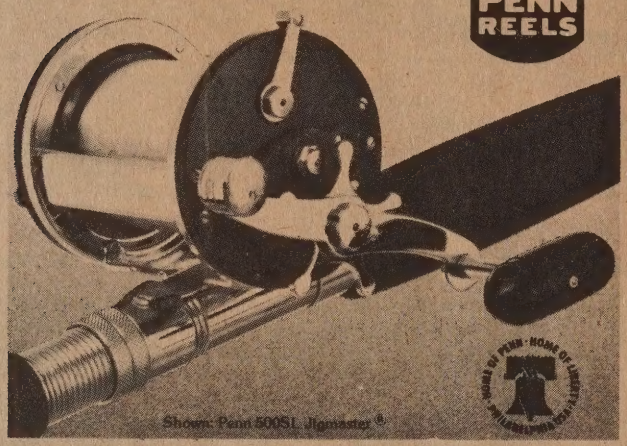

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early 1920s a seventy-five pound tarpon got his compass wires crossed and wound up in Merrick Bay where a bayman named Magnus landed him.

Surf fishermen had their heyday also and as it is today, striped bass was king. The Ol' Calcutta surf stick of eight or nine feet in length strained many times over under the force of cow bass and very often left a permanent set in it, but was never put aside.

Nature's cleanser, like the hurricane of 1938 did not halt angling along the south shore of Long Island for any period of time. What was destroyed, was rebuilt or shifted to better locations where protection was better.

All through the sea trout era of the late 20s and early 30s, bait was a primary factor and only a few knew how to gather and distribute it throughout productive locations such as Jamaica Bay, the Great South Bay and Peconic Bay. To this time there remains a few baymen who remember those, "better days of harvest" and still take active part mustering grass and sand shrimp.

George Combs, Sr., a jolly ol' gent that chews a cigar more than smokes it, can spin some exceptionally adventurous true sagas of the early days, along with his modern bait collecting. Not only does ol' George harvest the bay for shrimp, he equally fishes the old standard of the "Cotton Club" generation. His knack of "flippin' shrimp" with one hand and thumbing a running weakfish on light tackle comes from a few dollars lost and years of experience. And, experience has also taught him that fish are creatures of habit, where they appeared years back, they return annually as long as forage is available. In yesteryear, there were always a friendly type of competition between baymen and their sport fishing customers, especially in fishing locations and techniques. These were never relinquished except to close friends with tight mouths. Art Seaman, a vigorous senior citizen who along with ol' George have been known to frequent the Wa-Wa-Yonda Club when in full swing, still retain the wager each year for the largest sea trout on shrimp. No artificials are permitted during the activities. And to this date, each will not relinquish their haunts, unless caught in the act.

As in the bygone era, Mother Nature seems to take special care of depleting marine populations (with a little help from man), for as one species becomes easily caught, or man puts it all together, she exhausts them sufficiently to take angling pressure away. As reduction is being achieved, Nature inaugurates a new bait or species into the scene as man passes from one generation into another. It seems what was then, or way back then, has returned and will probably vanish again in the future. Such is the shifting sands of time, and our memories will someday be memories of yesteryear.

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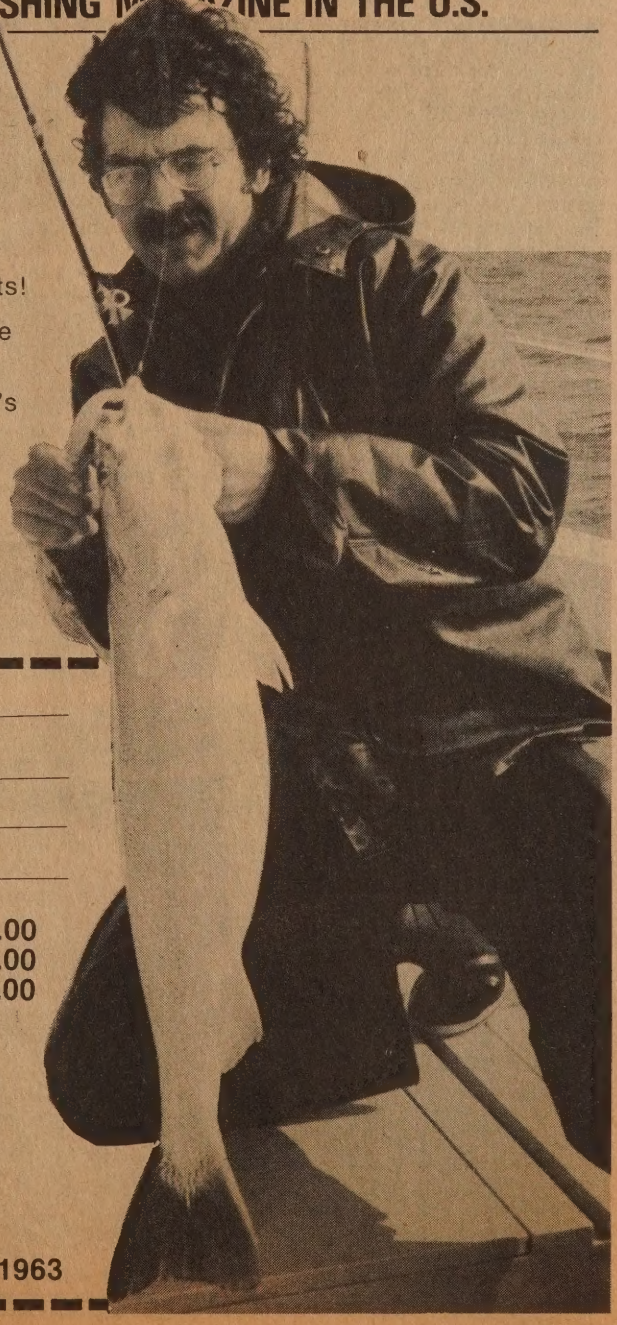

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# TEASERS FOR BLOCK ISLAND COD AND POLLACK

## by Tim Coleman

The use of a teaser up ahead of a jig will increase your cod catch—but at what cost?

If you are on your own or a friend's rig, there's no problem whatsoever using teasers. If you are on an uncrowded headboat, the same holds true. But if you are fishing elbow-to-elbow with many lines close together, the teasers are prone to cause lost time and short tempers. The teaser flapping around down there in the watery "breeze" has a tendency to wrap around another's line. Or, on days when the fish are thick, especially big pollack, a double header will run this way and that. Tangles are assured. The mate likely gaffs a ball of line, jigs, hooks, etc., that takes precious time to untangle. Just the jig itself—minus teaser—is a good bet under crowded conditions.

With that qualifier in mind, let's take a look at some different teasers and ways to rig them. One of the most popular is the surge tube. I favor one with a 10/0 hook as this leaves a lot more point exposed. Chances of sticking fish solidly are much better than with a tube rigged with a 7/0.

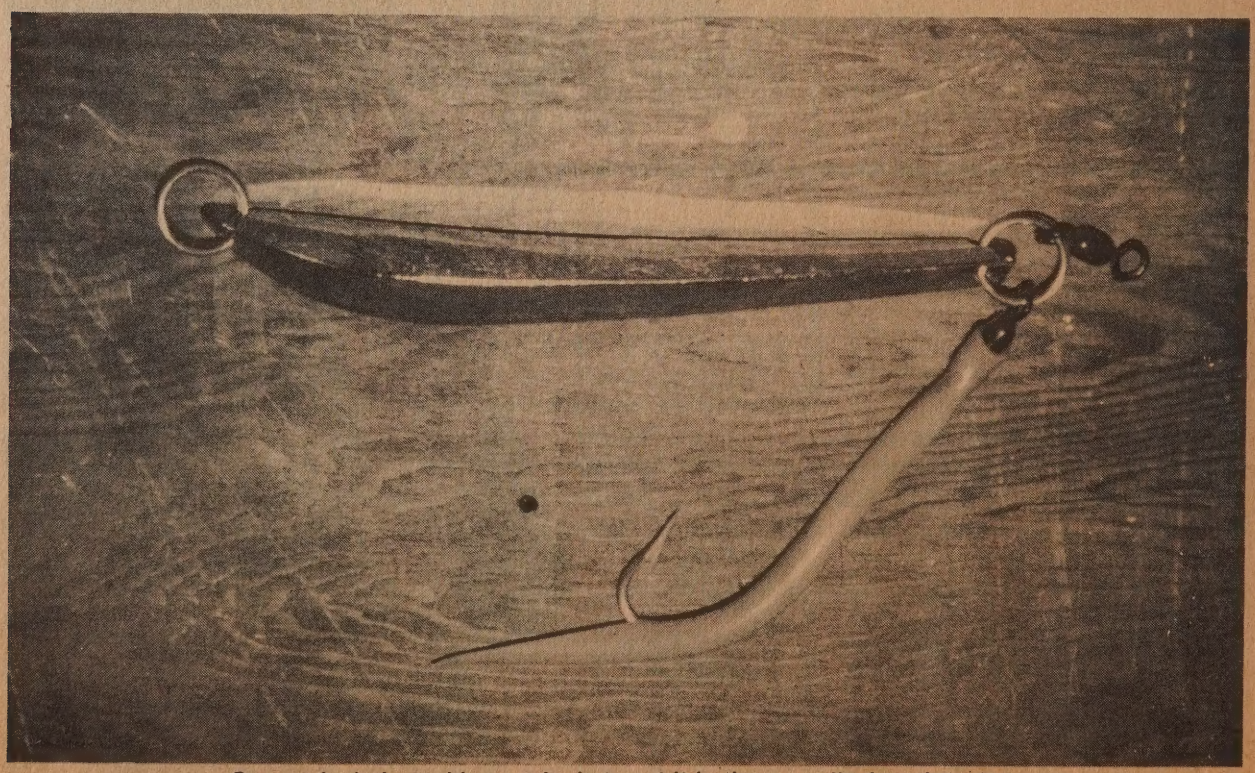
Some people employ a dropper loop up ahead of the jig to attach a teaser. Unless these are tied with extremely heavy mono, they will break at the knot under pressure from continued double headers.

One way around this is to place the tube right in the top split ring of the jig. There's no way even a pollack will break that ring. This setup also helps the mates on a busy day. They can clip your line up ahead, pull the line free and have you out of the tangle with a minimum of lost time.

While on the subject of tubes, there's been a modification in them by a Niantic, Ct. tackle firm that should be of interest to codfishermen. J&B Tackle last year started making tubes with plastic heads through which they inserted a short length of bead chain. The tubes, with the free-swiveling chain, have extremely good action in the water. When placed up the line from a jig, they move like crazy when you come back on the rod to move the jig off the bottom. A tube rigged with just a two-way swivel does not have near the corkscrew action of the J&B tubes.

Another aspect of tube fishing is color. Which is best? Red seems a universal choice, yet experiments show red to be the color that loses its hue the quickest. About twenty-five feet down and the red is gone according to books I've read. Yet, even on offshore trips, red tubes take fish in over fifty fathoms of water. Is color, then, that important? Your guess is as good as mine. The same books reported that blue is the color that holds its hue the best in the deeper water. Much more trial and error is needed.

While the tube-in-the-split-ring prevents breakoffs, it's not the best way to get a double. The tube is so close to the jig, it seems a tough target for a second fish. But one alternative is a dropper loop. One better mousetrap for tube-teasers was the brainchild of Captain Pete Pearson of the **Klondike** out of New Rochelle. Pete used three-way swivels and attached the tube to one eye with a short length of line. I've found if you



**One method of attaching a tube is to put it in the top split ring of the jig. This way is easiest for mates on a crowded headboat to get your rig out of tangles.**

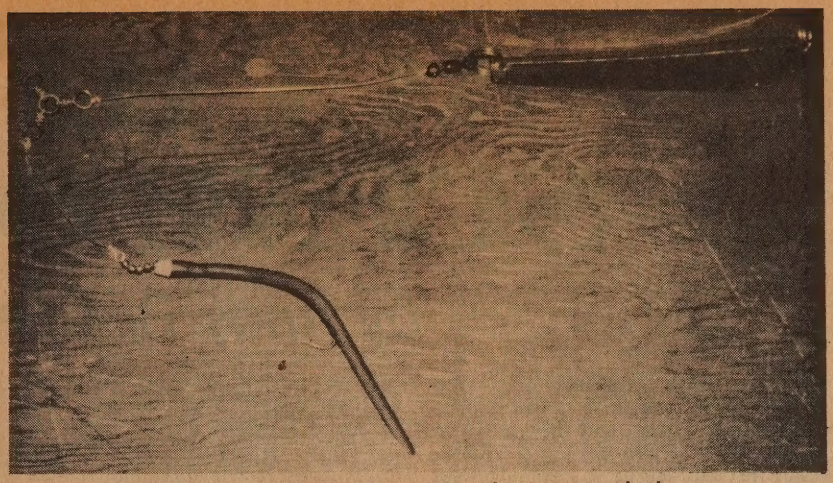
use sixty pound test leader material, the line will not readily wrap itself around either the line going back to the reel or that going to the jig. At times, fellows using dacron line on the reel and regular mono to attach tubes, found that combination very hard to work with. The mono will really wrap around the dacron as the rig descends.

Next on the list of teasers is one made of either bucktail or white Fishair. One fellow who came up with a little twist for this type teaser is Ken Gerhardt. He took a one inch piece of Glo tubing and put it around the shank of the hook after wrapping it. The Glo tubing acts like a light stick, much the same, I assume, as swordfishing.

One way of attaching this teaser is again with a short length of leader material. Only instead of using a three-way, use a two-way swivel. Tie the leader to the top eye of the swivel. If the knot is good, there's no way a fish will be able to break off. This setup is basically the same one a lot of surfmen use to fish teasers or droppers, as some call them. Instead of a Norway jig, they use a plug, or perhaps a rigged eel.

Which teaser is best? You got me. On different days, any one of the lot could be. The weight of the jig has a lot to do with success of the teaser. The longer the jig and teaser are in feeding sight of cod or pollack, the more chances of fish. This means heavier jigs stay close to the bottom on some days.

Some people show up at Block Island with sixteen ounce jigs. There's no need for that size on a lot of days; the water isn't too deep. An eight to twelve ounce is heavy enough to keep both jig and teaser near the bottom. Working the bigger jigs all day can be unnecessarily tiring, and I don't think you'll catch any more cod for the extra effort.



**Tube attached to line with a three-way swivel.**

**Top to bottom are different types of teasers. First is a J&B tube with plastic head and bead chain; next is Ken Gerhardt's teasers with piece of glo tubing; last is a surge tube in blue.**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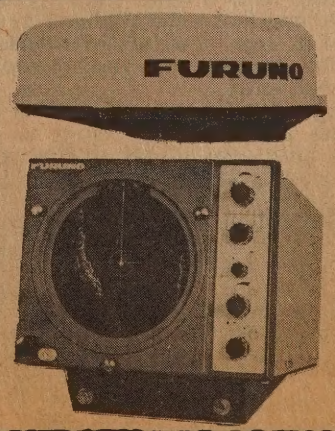

# ACT ONE, SCENE ONE

## by Andy Regina

Picture a stage. The setting is Long Island Sound, the time is the middle of May of any year, and the backdrop is the north shore of Long Island. Stage left represents the easternmost range of our story: center stage is, naturally, our center range, and stage right then becomes our western boundary.

At stage left, a lone angler is fishing from a gravelly beach which could be Wildwood State Park, Wading River, or Callahan's. The choice is yours, as the vicinity remains about the same. In search of his first striped bass of the year, our surfman is fishing a pair of #2 long-shanked, tinned beak hooks, each of which is adorned with a nice, juicy sand worm. One hook is tied directly to the line about an inch or two above the sinker, and the other hook is hung from a dropper loop tied into the line high enough to prevent the top hook from entangling the lower hook. A sharp, solid tug alerts the fisherman to his first bite of the day, and he instinctively sets the hook with reflex action. The fish reacts by fighting prodigiously, putting a respectful bend in the rod as it zigzags right and left, but the angler soon has the fish at his feet and hoists out a nice blackfish of about five pounds in weight.

Center stage features a party boat from the Bronx, lined bow to stern around the rail with anglers seeking flounders. One old salt on the port bow, clad in ageless yellow foul weather pants, sets his ancient rod into a fish that doubles the old stick over the rail, alerting one and all to the fact that this fish is definitely not a flounder. After a short, hectic battle the old man flips a pair of three pound blackfish over the rail, a double-header caught on worm-baited flounder hooks.

Stage right reveals two men in a private boat, anchored close to a white buoy that denotes an obstruction or navigational hazard. Actually, this particular buoy has replaced an ancient triangular stack of three pilings that was surmounted with a sign that read, simply, "Danger Rock." In this instance the buoy warns of a huge rock located east of Barker's Point and west of Sand's Point, in the western end of the Sound. Here the two anglers are specifically seeking blackfish and are employing fiddler crabs affixed to strong number six Virginia hooks to do so. The younger of the two lets out a happy shout and set his hook into what eventually proves to be a nice, big, six pound blackfish that the older man lifts aboard in a landing net. Both men pause for a moment to admire the first blackfish of the

**A veteran partyboat angler hauls a double-header of three pound blackfish over the rail.**

season to be caught at Gangway Rock.

All three scenarios have one thing in common, and that is that blackfish make their first solid appearance in Long Island Sound along about the middle of May each year. The odd fact of the matter is that usually these fighting fools are caught accidentally, by fishermen seeking other species at the time, except in the case of those two guys in that private boat who knew what it was all about and went after the blacks with accepted blackfish bait, using accepted blackfish hooks. One other overriding factor is that blackfish can be caught from the beach, or in deeper offshore water, or in shallow inshore water, and this is perhaps what makes this species so eagerly sought by so many fishermen.

Blackfish (**Tautoga onitis**) are members of a large family of fishes known as wrasse, and spend the winter offshore in about ten fathoms (sixty feet) of water, where they remain suspended in a comatose state until they are stirred by the warming water temperatures and that overpowering mating urge. After spawning, the blackfish come inshore in search of food, seeking out a wide variety of mollusks and crustaceans, sea worms of all types, and tiny baitfish. They have a marked preference for hard bottom and prefer structure that is coated with barnacles, such as underwater reefs, sunken wrecks, rocks, boulders, and mussel beds.

Equipped with squirrel-like buck teeth set in hard, rubbery lips, blackfish easily nip off barnacles and mussels clinging to the underwater obstructions, further protected from the sharp encrustations by a tough hide that defies penetration. Hard-shelled food such as lobster, shrimp, crabs of all types, and clams, oysters and scallops, as well as the barnacles and mussels mentioned above, are all swallowed whole, shell and all, then passed back into the throat where a second set of teeth called crushers pulverizes the shells before the food is swallowed. Fishermen seeking this fish can employ a wide range of baits with which to tempt their quarry, although clams, fiddler crabs, and green crabs seem to be the most popular baits in our area. An old misconception believed about spring time blacks is that they have tender mouths at this time of the year, hence will not approach hardshelled baits such as crabs. Favored baits, therefore, have always been sandworms and clams in the spring, while crabs predominate in the fall of the year, when blackfish mouths supposedly have become hardened. The supposition is false: tautog will take crabs early on, but show such a preference for sandworms that this is what we use, at least up until the time that bergalls become too much of a problem. When those pests decimate costly worms at an appalling rate, hard stuff will still catch plenty of blacks while acting as a slight deterrent to those tiny bandits.

You can't beat a big, juicy sandworm for blackfish in the spring of the year, especially on the north shore of the Sound. Our gigantic fish tank must have been created by the Lord with blackfish in mind, 'cause it is so ideally suited as their habitat that it ain't funny. First of all, the water attains desired temperature ranges and maintains them for long periods of time that correspond directly to the blackfish's bi-annual appearances. Secondly, the bottom structure of the Sound is exactly what blackfish want, and all those barnacle-clad reefs, wrecks, and boulders spell blackfish territory with a capital B. Last, but not least by any means, is the fact that the Sound is a veritable smorgasbord of tautog delights, all those shellfish such as oysters, scallops, clams of all kinds, and mussels on one hand, and an overabundance of crustaceans such as shrimp of several types, lobsters, and crabs of a wide variety. Now toss in all those luscious seaworms such as sand worms, blood worms, and tape or ribbon worms, and add a generous sprinkling of a host of baitfish such as spearing, sand eels, killies, etc., and you can further see the great attraction Long Island Sound could hold for hungry blackfish. Put all of the above reasons together, and you can appreciate why the Sound is world known for its blackfish.

The north shore's gravel beaches, littered with rocks and strewn with huge boulders, entice hungry blackfish well above the low water mark on high tides, where they delight in rooting out worms or inhaling unsuspecting fiddler crabs that venture from their burrows. Fishing from the beach does not require distance casting, as you want to place your baits where the fish are looking for 'em. The way we usually rig up in the spring when shore-bound is to tie a tandem rig of twin size #2 beak hooks directly above our sinker, then tie a third hook about two feet above that. Usually, the only bait we use at this time is sandworm, on all three hooks, with that high hook accommodating a whole worm that we hope will entice a striped bass with its squirming, come hither appeal. Those bottom baits account for a lot of nice flounder and some hefty blacks, and if that high hook does not always get us a bass or two, it sure is worth its weight in gold anyway, 'cause that hook dangles just above the bottom, due to the angle formed by the line coming from the rod tip down to the sinker, and we have caught some of our biggest blacks this way. Of course, you can use clams or crabs if you want to and still catch a lot of blacks from shore, too; but by using worms we not only catch our fair share of blackfish but some nice flounder and stripers as well.

When May rolls around and we are flounder fishing from a party boat, we change our normal flounder hooks (Chestertowns) for a heavier set.

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us [illegible] for long-shanked, tinned, #8 beaks. We find this size still hooks enough flounder to keep us happy, and it is heavy enough to stand up to blackfish when they decide to take our worm baits. Because the hooks now used are slightly larger than regular flounder hooks, we usually end up with some nice sized flounder, as the small guys normally can't get stuck. This asset is doubly appreciated when you find that you are not accidentally hurting throwbacks while your take-home of tender fillets increases. Unlike our beach rigs, we do not employ a high hook here, although it's still worth a shot, I guess, if you have stripers on your mind. At any rate, it wouldn't hurt to try it, especially later on in the month, if you feel lucky.

Die-hard tautog fishermen wait for May, champing at the bit as dogwood trees flower and the dandelions ruin the lawn, 'cause they believe that these herald the advent of our blackfish season. Strange as it may seem, tho' these myths have no basis in fact they do, at times, coincide with the arrival of the blackies, although there could be a discrepancy of two or three weeks either way most of the time. At any rate, along about the middle of the month the temperature of the water in the Sound is exactly what blackfish prefer, and they take over the joint. Now the private boats and the skiff rentals reign supreme, able to get closer inshore than any party boat could yet far enough off the beach to stymie surfmen. This intermediate area belongs to small boats, and you can see them by the hundreds, hugging lonely islands and lighthouses or huddled over some reef too far to reach from the beach. Now our baits change, 'cause the rocky areas we haunt are infested with bergalls. Worms don't stand a chance, so we switch to fiddler crabs to get the job done properly. Now also, because we have strictly blackfish in mind instead of including flounders or stripers in our hopes, we also switch to blackfish hooks. Number six Virginia hooks, rigged in tandem above a sinker, are baited with live fiddler crabs and fished on the bottom.

You gotta keep all slack out of your line, to better feel blackfish bites, and you must keep those baits as still as possible 'cause any movement might scare off wary blackfish. The fish will taste the bait, usually signalled by slight pecks that could be mistakenly taken as bergall bites, before it swallows the whole thing. Resist those pecks and don't try to set the hook yet, but wait for a solid tug that means some blackfish has swallowed your offering and has passed it back to its crusher teeth, located in its throat. Now set the hook with a snap of the rod and start reeling as fast as you can, to keep that fish from getting back into the rocks, where you could get hung up and lose fish, hooks, and sinker. Once off the bottom, the fish will put up a determined battle all the way to the surface, where it should be netted before boating it, if it is of any decent size.

Tackle must be on the heavy side for this tough fishing, but can still be kept light enough to appreciate the fight while doing the job properly. Our boat rod is a conventional six foot stick matched to a medium-sized, star drag equipped conventional reel filled with a good twenty pound test mono line. This rig is light on the arms but can handle sinkers in the eight or ten ounce range if need be, and has the guts to put the blocks to the biggest black you can catch, provided that you use your drag properly. Set the drag as tight as possible while allowing for it to give just below the line's breaking point, and you should have no problem manhandling those tough tautogs.

So now you have the whole picture, this drama acted out on the Sound every year. In the fall we see a repeat performance, and most of the time the fish are bigger and more numerous than spring fish, but we sure love that first showing of springtime blacks. While others may delight in reruns, we prefer the preview, and for us there is nothing quite like Act One, Scene One!


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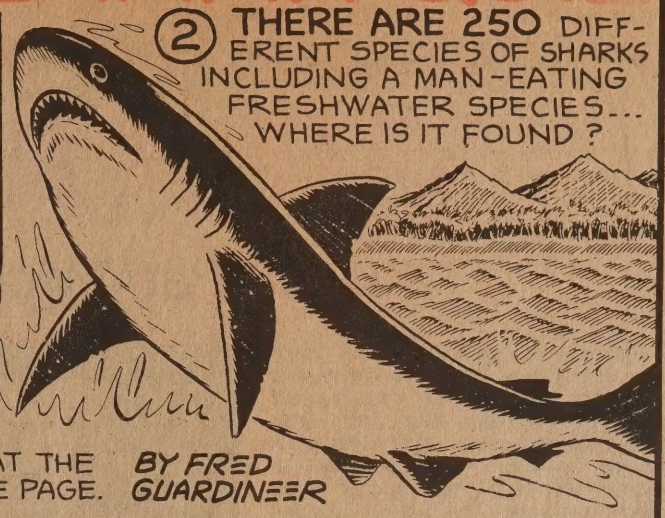

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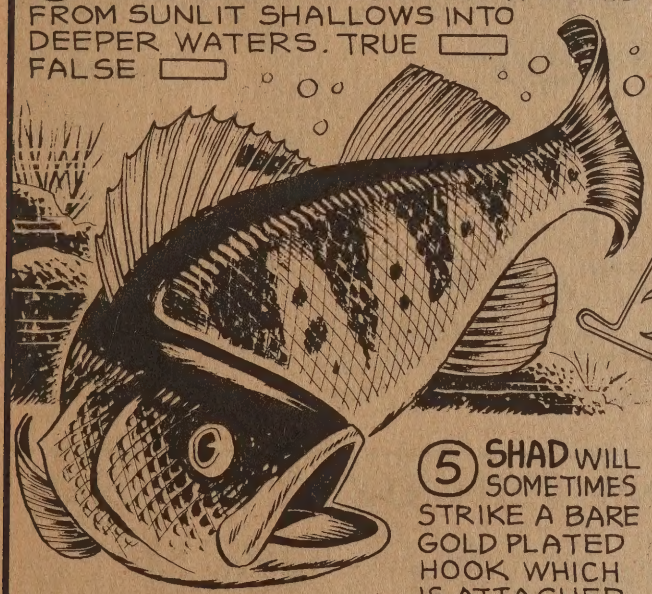

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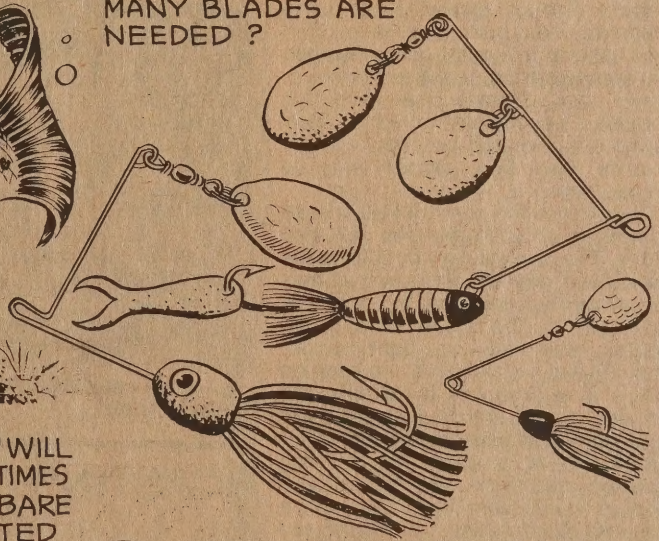

(5) **SHAD** WILL SOMETIMES STRIKE A BARE GOLD PLATED HOOK WHICH IS ATTACHED TO A SWIVEL WITH NO BAIT ON IT...
TRUE ☐
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(6) **ARE BLACK SEA BASS** RELATED TO THE STRIPED BASS AND CAN THEY BE CAUGHT IN THE RIVERS LIKE STRIPERS, A READER ASKS ?

1 - SHINNECOCK CANAL. 2 - LAKE NICARAGUA. 3 - TRUE. 4 - ONE BLADE PERMITS SLOWER AND DEEPER ACTION. TWO BLADES KEEP LURE NEAR OR ON THE SURFACE AT FAST RETRIEVE WITH ROD HELD HIGH. 5 - TRUE. 6 - THE BLACK SEA BASS IS RELATED TO THE STRIPER BUT DOES NOT MOVE UPRIVER. IT IS CAUGHT IN BAYS, SOUNDS AND OFFSHORE OCEAN AREAS.

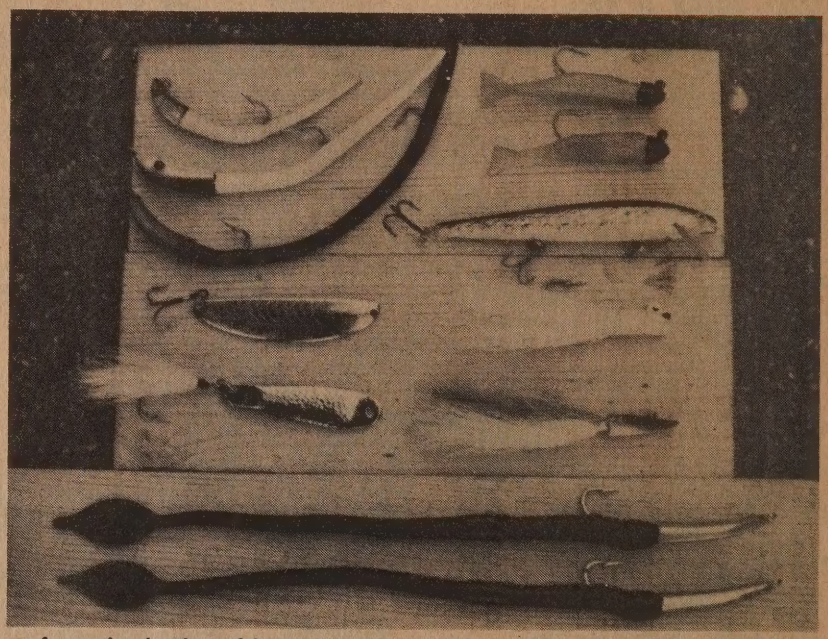
# OPEN BOAT WEAKFISH

## by Paul McCormick

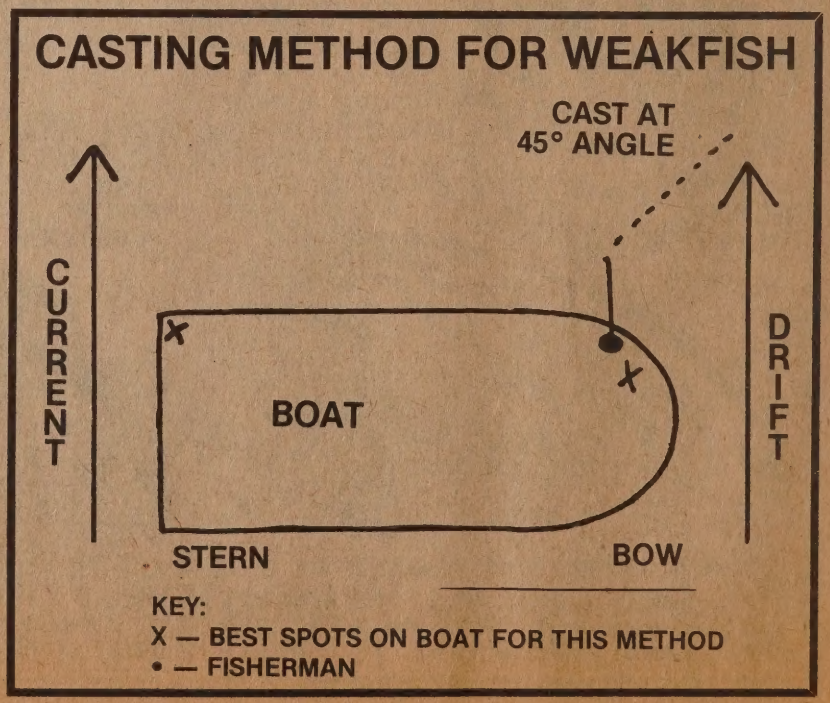
There are many different kinds of weakfishermen. There are those who seek this fine game fish from the surf and those who seek them from their own boat or a rental skiff. But what about the angler who, for lack of experience or a tight budget must look elsewhere. The answer is open boat fishing. "Party" boat fishing permits many anglers to cash in on one of the most exciting types of inshore fishing available to Long Islanders. Not until you have tried your hand at this great game fish can you appreciate the qualities of beauty, power, and finesse that weakfish possess. They are also noted for their eating qualities and probably are my favorite food fish, second only to striped bass.

Believe me the name weakfish has nothing to do with the way this fish fights. The name simply applies to the weak jaw of the fish which many times has accounted for "the big one that got away." The weak is a great fighter, especially on light tackle. They hit like a locomotive and keep on going. The first run is usually the longest. As you get the fish up to the boat, they will usually make another run of shorter duration. A light drag must be used to tire the fish without ripping the delicate Jaw. If you are a die-hard bluefisherman and think you can apply the same horse 'em in techniques in weakfishing, you're in for a big surprise.

Because of the weak's delicate mouth, light tackle is a great advantage. A light action, six to seven foot spinning rod with a fast tip, but enough backbone to handle a fish in the eight to twelve pound range is fine for party boat weaks. Some matching reels that can be used in conjunction with this type of rod are: the Penn 720, 722 and 712, Shakespeare 2499 and 2062; Quick 330 and the Cardinal Six. If you are a real light tackle fanatic, the Penn 716 and 714 can be a ball of fun to use, although I don't recommend these reels for this type of fishing because they should be used in conjunction with very light lines in the four to six pound test range. These light lines do not permit enough control over a big fish, without getting tangled or cut off by the other fishermen on the boat. Eight to ten pound test should be used with



**A good selection of lures is useful for those days when the yellowfins become picky.**



It's not unusual for bay blues to be mixed in with the weaks.

the spinning tackle.

If you like conventional tackle, a light baitcasting outfit will do the job. Small baitcasting reels like the Ambassadeur 5000 and the Penn 910 and 920 are all good choices. Two advantages that baitcasting provides over spinning is that you are able to use heavier lines and you also have more control over a fighting fish. This will usually result in less cutoffs and tangles and more fish in the box. Twelve to fifteen pound test can be used with these reels. It is purely a matter of taste whether you choose spinning or conventional since both will do the job.

Artificials play a key roll in the success of the party boat angler. This is the most challenging way to take weakfish and also the most productive in recent years. Jelly worms, bucktails, Tri-Fin Jig'N Shrimps, Whiptails, Salty Dogs, and Mister Twisters have all taken their share of fish. For the past few years the hot lure for weakfish has been red and purple jellyworms. Since weaks are very unpredictable fish, they may take only jelly worms one day and the next, they might ignore everything except Salty Dogs. Sometimes color is the difference that helps put more fish in the box. Make sure you take a variety of lures of all kinds and colors. I like to tip all the lures mentioned with a strip of squid. This adds action and a natural scent to your lures.

Most open boats drift when fishing for weakfish, which means that casting is not required. Just let your lure down to the bottom and gently jig as you drift along. This is the most popular method used in weakfishing. Another successful method is to cast at a 45° angle in the direction of the drift and retrieve the lure back to the boat with slight twitches of the rod tip. Make sure you are retrieving the lure faster than the boat is drifting or else your lure won't be going anywhere. Also make sure you cast underhand since most of the open boats will not allow overhead casting due to safety considerations. This is a tricky method, but with practice you'll get the hand of it. This method is especially hard to use on a party boat since there are only a few spots on the boat that will enable you to do so. The corner of the stern and up in the bow are the best places to apply this method, so try to get down to the dock as early as you can and get those spots. It'll pay off when it comes to putting more fish in your cooler. No matter which of these two methods you use, make sure your lure is on the bottom at all times since that's where the weaks are.

Bait fishing is another method used for party boat weaks. The boats operating in Great South Bay seldom use bait, but it is a very popular method in the Peconics. The high-low rig is favored with beak or claw style hooks in the 1/0 to 3/0 size range snelled on a three foot leader of twenty to thirty pound test. Make two

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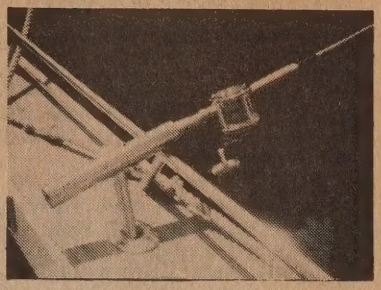

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leaders, the first one should be attached to the line about three feet above the sinker and the second right above the sinker. They should both be attached via dropper loops. Sinker weight should be no more than four or five ounces. Conventional tackle is better suited to this type of fishing since it can handle the heavy sinkers. A whole sandworm or a strip of squid are the main baits used. Try a combination of both until you find out what the weaks are hitting, then switch over to the successful bait. These baits can also be fished on a leadhead jig. It is a more sporty technique, since you do away with the burden created by a sinker.

There are many open boats sailing for weakfish during the spring run. The Captree fleet usually starts sailing for weakfish during the first week of May and continues into early June. All their fishing is done in Great South Bay with the Ocean Beach area, buoy 4, Range Channel, Fire Island lighthouse, and West Channel receiving the bulk of attention. Some boats will sail daily and most run evening trips beginning at 3 or 4PM. I know of three boats that fish the Peconic Bay area. They are the Brand X sailing from Greenport, the Capt. Clark which sails from the Shinnecock Canal, and the Wilhelric from Sag Harbor. These boats also have day and night trips, but the evening trips are their specialty. Your best bet would be to check their ads in The Fisherman for sailing schedules when planning a trip. Action in their area usually centers around the Middle Grounds, Jessups Neck and The Race. They have special floodlights that attract bait and hence the weaks during the evening trips. If you don't have the proper tackle, don't worry about it. All of these open boats have equipment available. If you have any questions the mates will gladly help you. They will also clean your fish for you.

If you plan on making a trip, the prime time to go is usually around the third week in May although the entire month of May is productive.

Landing one or two of these beauties during an evening trip is a nice way to wind up the day. This is the time to forget your troubles and sit back and enjoy. Consider yourself lucky when you land one of these beautiful game fish. At one time, the weakfish had disappeared for nearly 30 years, only to make a spectacular comeback in the early Seventies. In the past few years, catches have declined and it looks as though things are going to get worse. So, just appreciate the weakfish that you do catch. Release any fish that does not make the twelve inch size limit so that they have a chance to reproduce. Make sure you get out on an open boat and take advantage of this exciting fishing. You may discover that "open boat weaks" are more than just an alternative.

# MONTAUK
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## COD

Capt Paul Forsberg Jr. of the **Viking Fleet** tells of fair to good codfishing at SW Ledge aboard the **Viking Star**. There is a good quantity of cod but on the small side. Some snowshoe flounders mixed in with the cod. Some macks are also mixed in. The **Starship** is now sailing weekends to Cox's Ledge for cod with the season getting off to a somewhat slow start at Cox's.

Maurren at **Gone Fishing Marina** tells us that on Saturday, John Sammis bagged 40 flounder to 3 lbs. at Tobacco Lot on his boat Barbara M. Bill Wicca and crew had a great flounder day on the north side of Gardiner's with 54 flounder up to 3 lbs. on clam. Sunday saw Bob Zanfrandino boat 60 flounders up to 3 lb. 8 oz. at Gin Beach on clam and worm. Emil Engel was happy with 60 flatties up to 3 lbs. which hit clam bait on the NW side of Gardiner's. Frank Bussitil had 20 flounder to 3 lbs. plus 10 blacks at Tobacco Lot. The blackfish went up to 3½ lbs.

Capt Phil Lewis of the charterboat **Adios** reports that over the weekend flounder fishing was good around Gin Beach with nice size fish on worm and clam. Cod fishing was slow this week due to the tides. Phil expects pollack and striped bass to be coming very soon.

Charter boat **Julie III** skipper Ron Grandinetti fishing a 4 man party led by Vinnie Holstrum bag 75 flounders from 1½ to 3½ lbs. fishing at Gardiner's Sunday. Fish gobbled mussel and clam bait.

Capt Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** tells of good fishing all week to the tune of 8 to 16 fish a man, mainly cod with a few small scattered pollack, blacks and snows mixed in. Cod are averaging 8 to 10 lbs. but runnng up to 30 lbs. Pollack are averaging 6 lbs. and blacks are going up to 8 lbs. Action has been at SW Ledge and south of Block Island. It's mostly bait fishing with a few cod hitting diamond jigs.

Capt Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** reports codfishing still excellent. He had 52 cod Saturday and 60 on Sunday at SW Ledge and at Gardiner's. There has been a showing of pollack and a first appearance of mackerel also.

Charter boat **Vivienne** reports that cod are still around but that flounders are the hot item this past week. A four man charter this week scored with 90 flounders up to 3 lbs. fishing Gardiner's and local waters also. Sunday's trip scored with 50 flounders and 12 blackfish even with the strong NW blow. John expects bass by this weekend and says he still has some choice dates still available.

Henry at **Star Island Yacht Club** tells us that Tobacco Lot and Gardiner's are producing flounders up to 3 lbs. and in good quantities. Ira Stern on his boat Mi-Ji-Li-Jo had 20 flounders for Howie Ruben and group. Cod are being caught at Cartwright, but seems to be off at Block Island. On Sunday, Sal Panto stopped counting flounder at 80 fish. Charlie Berger and family were the pullers. Skimmer clam did the trick along with plenty of clam chum.

Charter boat **King Wayne** called to report that on Friday a 6 passenger charter working SW Ledge had 85 cod. Saturday's trip for Lenny Green of Dumont NJ had 68 cod by 10 a.m. They also had flounders. Fishing was at SE Light off Block. Sunday's trip for John Rueda of Queens totaled 60 cod, sea bass, blacks and pollack up to 15 lbs. Pollack went to 8 lbs. and this was south of Block. Pollack are being caught on diamond jigs and on clam bait as far as the other species are concerned.

Capt Gene Kelly, formerly of the Sea Doll and hussler has now purchased his own charter boat, a 36' Harris. The boat is called the **Kellyboat** and Gene is sailing out of Montauk Marine Basin. See ad for details.

Charterboat **Windy** reports that Saturday's charter fished Gardiner's and scored with 97 flounders from 1½ to 3½ lbs. and 4 blacks up to 6 lbs. They also fished the Green Hills area. Sunday's charter inspite of hard NW winds bailed 71 more flounder, same size, on clam and mussel. This was at Tobacco Lot and Green Hills. The boat is now accepting charters for striped bass and bluefish.

**Nick Vavas and Tony Ralis with some of the 51 cod taken at S.W. Ledge aboard the charter boat "Adios."**

# SOUTH FORK
## ★ BEST BET ★
## FLOUNDER

## SHINNECOCK

Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** reported that flounder fishing has held steady in the Basket area of Shinnecock Bay. Some small fluke have been taken in recent days and it looks like this fishing is about to get under way. For blackfish fans, Thom knew that some real good scores were made on the west jetty of the inlet. In Peconic Bay, porgies have arrived with decent numbers of fish taken at buoy 30 in the South Race and at buoy 18. Weakfish doing just fine, with a rental on Sunday coming back with a dozen fish including a pair of 12 lbers. Fishing was done at Rose's Grove with jelly worm and squid combos. On Saturday, Jimmy Lopez and friends returned with 12 weaks up to 8½ lbs. Thom also knew of good flounder fishing out at Tobaccolot. Some of the fish go to 3 and 4 lbs.

The **Capt Clark II** reports after a great two weeks on big flounder in the bay. The boat has started weakfishing in Peconic Bay. Friday was the boat's first trip for weaks and Andy Peda of Hampton Bays was hi hook and pool winner with an 8½ lb. weak. On Sunday Mel Foster of Queens took the pool with a 10 lb. weak along with 18 big porgies. Good sized porgies are being taken on the bottom with live bait. Capt Clark Bellows feels that weakfishing will pick up in the next few days as the fish end their spawning period and start feeding.

**Joe Saglimbene, Charlie Cox and Tom and Charlie Romano with 130 flounder taken at buoy 42 on blood worms and mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.**

## MORICHES BAY

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** labelled the flounder fishing excellent all week and through Saturday with catches of 100 plus fish per boat the rule. Fishing was so good on Saturday that some boats topped the 200 mark. Sunday's fishing was off, but most boats still managed 50-60 flatties. Some, like Howard and Loretta Dadreian and Paul and Pat Nalbandian who had 140, did better than others. Worms and mussel chum from buoys 39-44 has been the ticket to cashing in on what Jim called the best run of fish in 15 years. In addition, there has been a nice sprinkling of blowfish with some boats returning with as many as 25 of the puffers.

**Silly Lily Fishing Station** reported that the hot flounder fishing continued with boats averaging 50-80 fish apiece from buoys 39-42. Still quite a few fish in the 1-2 lb. class, with some blowfish and fluke starting to mix with the flatties. Linda and John Lee had 85 flounder on Saturday between 41 and 42. The station fluke contest is set to go off on June 1.

Al at **Hi-Way Fishing Station** described the flounder fishing as excellent in the buoy 39-42 area. On Sunday, a Mr. Holmes and three friends fished from 6-11AM and returned with 175 keeper flounder. Also on Sunday, John and Marge Zengel of Glen Oaks combined to put away 120 flatties and were gracious enough at the end of the day to give

**Retired charterboat captain, Ernest Koos, his son Kenneth and grandson Kenneth caught these 80 flounder of 3/4 -1¾ lbs. near buoy 41 while fishing out of the Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches. The group used blood worms for bait and mussel chum.**

40 of their catch to a not so lucky boatman. Worms, red-dyed clams and mussel chum have been doing the job. Anyone fishing out of the station Memorial Day weekend should be sure to check on details for the fluke and flounder derby being held by the station.

John of **Sea Tuck Cove Fishing Station** in Eastport reported that catches on Saturday were so good that individual anglers averaged around 50 flatties apiece. Ray Hiruko was head and shoulders above the average with his catch of 90 flounder, most in the 1-1¾ lb. class, and several blowfish. On Saturday, Charles Heilman, his son Charlie, and grandson Charlie fished NE of buoy 42 and loaded the boat with 212 flounder. Sunday's action was slower but most boats still averaged 50 flatties apiece. Blood or sand worms and mussel chum are the key to the fishing.

## HAMPTON BAYS

John of **Corr's Fishing Station** reported that weakfishing has opened up with one angler returning to the marina with 7 weaks in the 6-13 lb. range. He fished Cow's Neck with jelly worm and squid combos. On Sunday, John Ausenanger, Sr. and Jr., along with Bill Hegeman returned from Robins Island with 23 weaks from 3-8 lbs. Also Sunday, one of the rentals returned with 5 keeper fluke taken in Shinnecock Bay. Flounder fishing continues good, with anglers averaging 15-18 fish apiece, fishing near Heddy Creek and the Basket area.


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## MASTIC BEACH

**Stiriz' Fishing Station** reported the flounder run north of buoy 15 continued strong this past week, with catches averaging 50-75 fish per boat. Fish ranged from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. and are being taken on any running tide with blood worms, clams and mussels. Small weaks, up to 4½ lbs. being taken on incoming water at buoy 12 on Salty Dogs and jelly worms. Bunny DiPasquale took two 4½ lb. weaks while flounder fishing. A few big blowfish at buoy 19 and fluke spotty with buoys 20 and 21 your best bet. Mackerel around but fading fast and a few small blues in the bay near buoy 17.

Harry at **Capt. Andy's Fishing Station** reported good flounder action from the bridge down to buoy 27 on worms and clam. Fluke starting to take hold and a few weaks being taken near the Smith Pt. bridge on jelly worms. Best bet for fluke is from buoys 19-27.

## WEST SAYVILLE

Billy at **South Bay Fishing Station** reported good weakfish action this past weekend at Ocean Beach on jelly worm-leadhead combos. Boats have been averaging 5-10 big fish apiece. On Saturday, Dave Crocco and Mike


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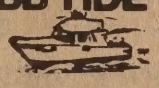

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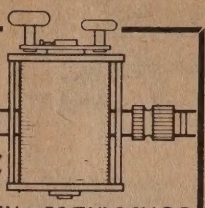

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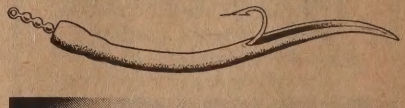

**Donald and Denise Wiggins with 35 flounder to 1½ lbs. taken at Heckscher aboard the private boat Scorpio. Subscriber photo.**

Gardner returned with 5 tiderunners and 7 fluke. On Sunday, Roy Sullivan and Graham Cook checked in a catch of weaks topped off by an 11 lber. Best scores are made during the week when there is a minimum of boat traffic, according to Billy.

The Patchogue Fishing Club held a club weakfish tournament on Sunday. Fishing out of Heckscher State Park, Paul McGregor topped the competition with a 10½ lb. tiderunner. Wuv McGinnis nailed down 2nd place with a 10¼ lber., while 3rd place went to Bill Lockwell.

## OAKDALE

Dave at **J&R Sports Center** reported weakfishing has been erratic, with some days producing good scores and others very few fish. Fishing is being done at Ocean Beach and West Channel with some fish being taken on the Heckscher flats. Jelly worms and sand worms have both been effective. Among the tiderunners checked in in recent days were a 10 lb. 1 oz. for Jim Butler, 11.11 for Sal Pedangno, and a 12 lb. 9 oz. yellowfin for John McArde. Nine-year-old Mark Pearson clicked with a fish of 10.1, while his 10-year-old brother Edward scored with a 4½ lb. bluefish.

Some nice trout continue to be taken locally. Gary Malenovsky took a 5 lb. 11 oz. brown out of Rattlesnake Creek, a branch of the Connetquot, last Wednesday.

## EAST ISLIP

Irene of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** said that lots of weaks were checked in over the weekend. Among those put on the scale were fish of 11.6 lbs. for Charles Rex and 11.10 oz. for Anthony Simonetti. Both fish were taken in West Channel and small blues have been mixed with the weaks, according to Irene. Results of the shop flounder derby were as follows: 1st place, Don Roberts - 2.9; 2nd place, Glenn Ayers - 1.15. A shop weakfish contest will run from 5/15

**Victor Zagorski with a 37 lb. cod taken at Montauk and weighed in at Peppy's Tackle Shop in East Islip.**

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## BAY SHORE

The open boat **Casey Lee** reported good flounder and fluke action on most days, with the fluke action showing improvement on a daily basis. On Saturday, fishing along South Beach and in the pocket at the Sore Thumb, flounder catches ranged from 10 to 25 fish per man. The skipper described the weakfishing as worthwhile, wtih catches varying greatly each night. Fishing is being done in West Channel and Ocean Beach and most of the fish being taken are in the 8-12 lb. class. Some small blues are mixed with the weaks to help spice the action.

Linda at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** reported a catch of 7 weaks to 9 lbs. along with a fluke and a blue for Dr. Braunstein of Bay Shore. Last Thursday, Bill Pfeiser checked in a 10¾ lb. weak, along with some small bluefish. Art Weinstock, Dave Campo and Timbo Assenita fished West Channel and had several weaks topped off by a 14½ lber. This was on Saturday. Eugene Neil checked in a catch of 24 blackfish from 2-5 lbs. taken along South Beach on fiddler crabs over the weekend.

## CAPTREE

Captain Frank Zory of the charter boat **Tilichi** fished a party from Ace Sound Company headed by Dan Malloy one day last week. Four anglers totalled well over 200 mackerel in the 1-3 lb. class with fishing done s/SW of Fire Island inlet.

Tom at **Charlie's Fishing Station** spoke of a catch of four weaks made by Tom Brucia at the Babylon Cut. Pat Mulligan and Jim Carolin totalled 8 weaks and a half dozen small blues fishing the shallows near the Captree bridge. Grape jelly worms have been most effective on the weaks which have been ranging from 5-12 lbs. Fluke have made a fair showing and a couple of guys have returned to the station with decent amounts of blowfish.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Bob Joseph** reported a catch of over 200 flounder for 25 fares on Saturday. Spending three hours on fluke in the afternoon, his fares combed 40 keepers out of 125 fluke. Pool fish, a 6 lb. 4 oz. fluke, was taken by Gildazio Hermes of Uniondale. Sand eels, spearing and fluke belly were all effective with the State Channel producing best. Flounder action is concentrated at the Sore Thumb and along South Beach. The skipper will continue dividing the day between fluke and flounder.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the charter boat **Lady Ann** reported excellent flounder fishing on Saturday at the Sore Thumb. Fishing a party from the Bendix Corp. in New Jersey, over 400 nice size flounder were taken. Worms did all the damage and the skipper expects this fishing to hold up for a bit longer. On Sunday, the skipper found good mackerel action but had to run to 110' of water southeast of the inlet.

Captain George Bartenback of the **Captain Rod** spoke of very good

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flounder action in the Sore Thumb pocket with most of the fish being taken of very nice size. The skipper has been mixing up his flounder fishing with a couple hours of fluking and last Wednesday, Richie Garister took the pool with a 5 lb. summer flatfish. He had 5 other keepers as well. Same day, Anthony and Vincent Virongo of Yonkers totalled over 50 flounder between them.

The **Captree Queen** skippered by Captain Gordon Roman spoke of decent weakfishing in recent days. Catches during the week ranged from 12 to 15 tiderunners a trip, while on Saturday and Sunday 20 to 25 weaks were taken each day. Nearly all of the fish are in the 8-11 lb. class with most of the action concentrated near Ocean Beach and West Channel. Through Friday, there were lots of blues in the 1-3 lb. class this year. Saturday was a bit unusual in that weakfish, bluefish, fluke, flounder, and blowfish were all taken at some point during the day on drifted jelly worms. Pool fish for the day was a 12½ lber. taken by Lewis Pugliese, while Owen Quinn had 3 weaks to 10 lbs. On Sunday, Gregg Graham took an 11 lber., while Robert Sanchez put 4 weaks to 10½ lbs. aboard. The skipper described the morning flounder trips as good with catches on the average running 10-15 keepers a man. Sunday was a bit slow and Gordon said he will begin putting more emphasis on fluke.

Charter boat **Eleanor** called to report a solid catch of flounder Saturday morning at the Sore Thumb for a group from the Garment Center Sharpies Fishing Club headed by Louie Defino.

## BABYLON

Ski at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** described the weakfishing as fair, but he added that a lot of big fish, some to 15 lbs. are being weighed in. Doc Bohner has been scoring regularly with some real tiderunners. A lot of 2-6 lb. blues roaming the bay and being taken by casters or being trolled in the inlet area. Plenty of flounder in the pocket at the Thumb, while the fluke have gotten under way and blowfish have appeared. Casters at the Captree overlook pier have had as many as 15 to 20 blowfish apiece. No mackerel news over the weekend and it appears as if these fish have moved on. For freshwater fans, Ski weighed in a 3 lb. 1 oz. pickerel taken on Friday in Belmont Lake by Rich Carlson.


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**Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported that Charlie Hassel, Al Colban and Bob and Arnie Parengkuan clicked with 11 weakfish up to 10 lbs. fishing buoys 8 and 9 near West Island with sand worms and jelly worms. This was on Saturday. On Sunday, Henry Barrel and Bob Bier totaled 7 weaks up to 11 lbs. They drifted sand worms at Ocean Beach. Small blues being taken near the lighthouse on tins and plugs. Fish also up in the bay near Dickerson Channel. Joe Manfredo along with his sons Anthony and Richie checked in a catch of 40 flounder made at the Amityville Cut on worms and mussel chum. Good flounder action over the weekend at the Sore Thumb and a few sea bass at buoy 13. Blowfish have made an appearance and it looks as if there may be a fair number of the puffers around this year.

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fishing done at Ocean Beach on Sunday. First place was taken by John Caramanico, who had an 11 lber. Jack LoGrassa copped 2nd with a 9 lb. 14 oz. tiderunner, while Rich Sazpinger took 3rd with a 9½ lber. Also on Sunday, 12-yr.-old Chris Castaldi out on her first weakfish trip took an 11.3 weak at Ocean Beach. An exceptional catch of weaks was made on Saturday at buoys 8 and 10 near West Island by Larry Ciccotto, Mike Napoli and Gary Lazar. The trio fished jelly worms and sand worms and returned with a catch of 29 weaks from 7-15 lbs. Marie added that good flounder fishing continues at West Island and Zachs Bay.

## SEAFORD

**Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle** reported good weakfishing on Friday, although Saturday and Sunday left much to be desired. The best fishing is to the east in the Fire Island area. A few starting to show at the 3rd Wantagh and the Meadowbrook bridge on sand worms. Lon labelled the flounder fishing super with lots of good sized fish being taken at Squaw Island and in Zachs Bay. Ann and Steve Weiss checked in a catch of over 50 big flatties, topped off by a fish of 2 lbs. 6 oz. Blackfish being taken at the bridges and a fair number of blowfish mixed in with the flounder.

Art Wright of **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** extolled the flounder fishing in the area which he described as the best in a long time. Best action has been anywhere from Squaw Island to the 2nd bridge, with worms, clams and mussel chum doing most of the damage. Dave King and Mitch Slinker totalled 41 flatties up to 2½ lbs, while Mello Anani and Don Grachi clicked with 60 flatties up to 2¼ lbs. Art himself sampled the local fluking and took 5 keepers on smelt, fishing in the channel. Captain Buzz of the **My Judy** trolled 57 small bluefish on umbrella rigs at the inlet on Thursday.

John at **Pop's Fishing Station** reported excellent flounder fishing with catches of 100 fish per boat on the weekend the rule. Rod Duenges returned with 135 flatties, while the Crimi family had 145. Joe Mackey didn't bother to count his 2, 5-gallon pail fulls of flatties. Blackfish, blowfish and kingfish are also being taken, with the blacks at the bridges and the blows and kings mixed with the flatties in Massapequa Cove, Squaw Island and near the 2nd Wantagh Bridge. The Longerillo family had 50 flounder and a couple of fluke fishing near the Coast Guard station with blood worms and mussel and corn chum.

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Scott at **Merrick Tackle** said that Pat Menhold of Babylon checked in a catch of 9 weakfish to 8 lbs. made at Ocean Beach on red Alou Elvers. Weakfish being taken at the Meadowbrook bridge on sandworms in the evenings and early morning hours and plenty of small blues for casters and trollers in the inlet and bay during the week. Flounder fishing continued very good, with the area off of the golf course in Merrick Bay producing the best catches. Sand worms have the edge in the bait department and mussel chum is a big plus. Scott had the first confirmed word of shark action. He knew of a couple of blue sharks tagged and released in 90' of water south of Jones Inlet.

## MERRICK

Jim at **Nicks Fishing Station** reported very good flounder fishing in the Broad Creek-Haunts Creek area during the week and through the weekend. On Sunday, George Linkus, Charles Coffie and Mike Dalton totaled 118 flatties between 1 and 2 lbs. on worms in Broad Creek. Ray Cotty has been spending his vacation days loading up with 70 to 90 flatties per trip in the same area. One boat on Sunday had 6 fluke and there are quite a few blacks to 3 lbs. being taken at the bridges on clams. Loads of 2 lb. blues in the inlet during the week, but they vanished over the weekend.

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The **Capt Bill** had a solid catch of mackerel Saturday at the NA Buoy. They also had an 8 lb. blue (est.) which was dropped at the boat. On Sunday, with half day trips resumed, Roosevelt Rodgers scored with 28 flounders which included 5 that were 2½ pounders. Sunday's morning and afternoon trip saw good results. Ebb tide produced best. During the week catches averaged 10 to 15 keepers a man on a half trip trip. Twenty four keepers was hi hook Friday. A few blacks and sea bass are also being caught. Best areas have been Swift Creek, the Coast Guard Station and the bridge area.

The **Capt Al** did very good on mackerel through Saturday. Sunday was fair as the fish had to be chased far to the east. The boat is now switching over to sea bass, blacks and ling, sailing 6:30 a.m. daily.

Capt Dick Hall of the **Super Spray II** says the boat had great mackerel all week long plus a 4 and 18 lb. cod which were caught on the bottom on a mackerel jig that plummetted all the way. Since the macks are now out of range, the boat will now be sailing 2 fluke trips daily. Dick says it looks like a good fluke season coming up. The offshore wreck trip for cod which is sailing Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day) has been booking fast and if you want a spot, you better call quickly. See ad for full details.

Capt Richie on the **Starstream II** tells us that although the macks have been very good all week long, it's all over for the macks since there to far to chase any longer and that the boat is now switching over to sea bass, blacks and ling. See ad for details.

Capt Walt Scott of the charter boat **Acme II** of the **Freeport Charter Service** called to say that Ron Recing of Long Beach and group enjoyed super mackerel fishing with plenty of doubles and triples leaving a few hundred pounds aboard the **Acme II**. Jerry Lemahan's group picked nice fat flounders. Quantity was not great but the quality was there. The Jewish Sisters of Queens enjoyed a "Surprise" evening, coming by bus for a moonlight sail. Glen Smith's group of the Holy Name Society enjoyed a productive day on flounders, bagging nice fat fish. Sig Balaboy's group had a pick of good flounder, but fish per person left a bit to be desired.

The **Blue Fin Fleet** had an out of town charter Friday and fished the CT shoreline with decent catches of flounders and blacks. Capt Sy wishes to thank the CT open and charter boatmen for the cooperation. Saturday's charter for flounder fished locally at the Coast Guard Station and local creeks for fish from ½ to nearly 3 lbs. William Rainey of Whitestone took the pool on the **BF III** with a 2 lb. 14 oz. flounder. Al Morales of East Meadow took the pool on the **BF II** with a 2 lb. 1 oz. flounder. Capt Ed Geyer had the controls of the **BF II**.

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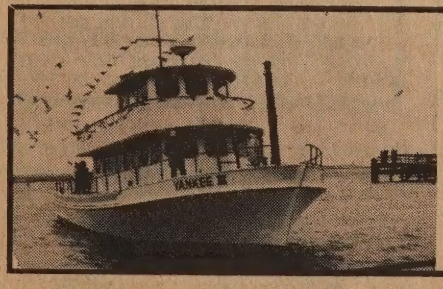

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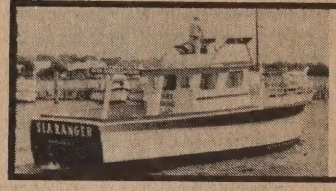

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On Sunday with Capt Charlie Adams on the **II** and Sy Karlin driving the **III**, good flounder catches were also had locally. Aboard the **II** there was a tie for the pool with 2 fish weighing in at 2 lb. 3 oz. each for Ray Sadler of Glen Dale and Larry Roelofsen of Ridgewood. Pete Devitt had the pool aboard the other boat with a 2¼ lb. flounder.

The **Capt Gary** called to report Saturday's charter for the Floral Park Tight Liners Fishing Club had an excellent flounder day with over 200 keepers taken. The pool fish went 2 lbs. for Rich Gallagher of Floral Park. Hi hook of 37 flounders was B. Greenstein of Floral Park. Two keeper fluke and 6 midgets were also taken. At slack the party fished the Meadowbrook for some sea bass and 6 blackfish. Sunday's trip for the Maspeth Jewish Center enjoyed a super day with over 350 flounders taken. Hi hook with 67 flatties was Lou Arowson of Maspeth. Cecilia Sullivan took the pool with a 3 lb. flounder which was weighed in at **Hook, Line & Sinker Bait & Tackle**. Cecilia won herself an LIF Skillful Angling Award. Gary says that he will be running as an open boat on Memorial Day for flounders, and to call him for info.

**Lou's Fishing Station** reports that the fleet caught mackerel through Sunday but its all over now as the fish are out of range. Flounders are still good with Swift Creek, the Coast Guard Station, Sloop Channel and the Meadowbrook area producing nicely on clam, worm and mussel. Blackfish have been good at the Meadowbrook Bridge and T Wreck. Blues were caught all week in the inlet but disappeared Thursday. They were caught on just about any bait or artificial. A few nice fluke in the inlet and on the ebb in Reynold's Channel and a few in Middle Bay. Some weakfish caught at Ocean Beach but the area was a mob scene on the weekend. Lou weighed in weaks up to 12 lbs.

**Anthony's Fishing Station** reports that their rental boats have been taken mixed catches of flounders, fluke and blacks in Swift Creek, Merrick Bay, Hi Flats Drain. Try the Meadowbrook Bridge for blacks on fiddlers, fish up to 2 lbs. Swift Creek had the most fluke, hitting sand eel/squid combos.

## POINT LOOKOUT

**Ed's Fishing Station** gives us the hot news of a 15 lb. fluke weighed in for Ron Mueller of New Hyde Park caught about 25' from the station's dock. This was on sand eels. The fish along with the angler are receiving an LIF Skillful Angling Award. Warren Janda and Greg Nielson bagged two 4½ lb. fluke and several other fluke plus a mess of flounder. The fluke took sand eels in Reynold's Channel and they got the flounder at buoys 17 and 18, Reynold's Channel. Rich Peterson, Amy Freewald and Jack Stamph on Wednesday had 61

flounder and on Thursday 70 flounders up to 2½ lbs. They also had 6 fluke. This was in Swift Creek on mussels and worms. Blacks very good at the Meadowbrook on fiddlers.

Capt Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** called to say that Saturday's charter fished the Meadowbrook, Swift Creek and Fundy Bay and took many big flounders up to 2½ lbs. and blacks to 3 lbs. plus 10 big blowfish and a short fluke which was returned to the water for fattening. High slack has been best at the Meadowbrook. Clam bait is doing the best job on flounder. Sunday was a little slower and the fish a little smaller for a charter for Nassau Sanitation men. Hi hook was Ken Delaney with 23 flounder. The pool ran 1¾ lbs.

## ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** tells us that on Sunday he weighed in an 11 lb. fluke and an 8 lb. weakfish, both caught Saturday night during a weakfish trip by one customer on the Captree open boat **Speedy VI**. The catch was on a red jelly worm and the happy angler was Tony Lawricella of Baldwin. Excellent flounder fishing at the Inlets and in certain deep holes in the channels with the assistance of heavy chumming for fish up to 2½ lbs. Super blackfishing at the bridges and jetties on greens and fiddlers. Charlie says he is one of the few shops around that has fiddlers right now.

**Beckmann's** is in Lynbrook.

Capt Clem of the **Commodore** says the flounders are still super, averag-

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# Funding for Recreational Angling

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back to the states on the basis of size and the number of licenses sold. Since freshwater fishermen pay for a license, there are funds that come back to the states for freshwater, but since saltwater fishermen do not have a license, the only funds that come back to the state here is on the basis of size. This is a very small amount. With a license that amount would jump into the several millions. Again, saltwater fishermen have expressed their displeasure over a saltwater license and thus, at this moment, this is not a realistic source of funding. Another source could be the Dingell/Johnson funds that come back to the state on the basis of size. At the present time no marine oriented agency or marine recreational group benefits from these funds since they are channeled elsewhere. A third source might be the tax spent on marine gasoline. Each year recreational fishermen pay a tax on marine gas. Since gasoline tax paid when filling up your car contributes to the construction and maintenance of roadways, it would seem logical that marine gas taxes should be channeled into marine recreation.

If that's the case, then where should this money go? We could push for legislation to establish a new agency, but that might take years and then it might take additional years before that agency was set up and able to do business. In austerity, a new agency might not be the best approach anyway. If we look to an existing agency we may not, based upon past relationships, be totally satisfied with what we find. Still, there are several choices. The Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission might be a place to put at least some of the money and since they have been very cooperative and supportive of recreational fishing in recent years, under the leadership of General Manager John Sheridan, it might be money well spent. The funds could go for piers, launch ramps, and additional access at the State Parks. That would be money well spent from where we now sit!

Still, that leaves many areas unaddressed. The only place we can turn for fishing reefs, stock assessments, and research, as well as legislative support, would be the Department of Environmental Conservation. The DEC has a long-standing reputation among recreational anglers as "pro-commercial." We are speaking of people's perspectives. The Division of Marine and Coastal Resources has demonstrated to The Long Island Fisherman a recent willingness to help the recreational fishermen. The numbers are there. There are about 2.3 million recreational fishermen in the New York Metropolitan Area and only a few thousand commercial finfish harvesters. State governments have the responsibility to serve ALL the people of the state. Thus, DEC Division of Marine and Coastal Resources may well recognize at this time the need to devote an appropriate amount of time to the 2.3 million recreational anglers of this state.

If that is truly the intention then perhaps we, the marine recreational fishermen, have a responsibility to help those who wish to serve us. Perhaps we can help to find the wherewithal to do just that. We would like your input!

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ing 15 to 25 a man. On Friday Frank Herskowitz of Oceanside had 56 flounders. Clem is staying with the flounders due to their quality and quantity. He's picking up 8 to 10 fluke a day on flounders rigs, but they are all 8 and 9" fish. Only a couple of keepers all week long. The boat will be sailing a regular schedule on Monday, Memorial Day. Flounders are in the main channels and in the inlets with pool fish always running 2 lbs. or better. The boat is getting from 20 to 50 full size blowfish a day with a sprinkling of blacks and sundials.

## LONG BEACH

**Long Beach Sports Marina** tells of a mixture of blacks, blues, blows, flounders and fluke this weekend. Blacks at the bridges and the Gong buoy off Debb's on green crabs, fish to 4 lbs. Blues invaded the inlet during the week and hit everything. Mike Wallin, Jim McDonald and Pete DePeck, all of Brooklyn, had 125 flounder among them fishing the Cement Block in Reynold's Channel with worms and mussel chum. Sharpies are getting 5 to 10 keepers a trip on the fluke side, fish to 5 lbs. on sand eels in the Duck Point area.

## ATLANTIC BEACH

Al at **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** tells us that flounders and blackfish at the Atlantic Beach Bridge and Silver Point Jetties are good items. Flounders also good off Cedarhurst Yacht Club and the Long Beach HS. Flounders best on clam and worm and blacks on fiddlers and clam. Fluke are in with a fair number of keepers. Small blues in Debb's during the week. On Sunday Alex L. Montgomery fished under the Atlantic Beach Bridge and bagged a 2 lb. 4 oz. flounder. Nick Schiraodi, mate aboard the **Kim** caught 3 bass in the 5 lb. range at Prospect Point off Hempstead Harbor on umbrellas with white tubes. He also told us that aboard Tony Royal's boat Emme, Tony, Chris, Cliff and Ron took 21 weakfish up to 11 lbs. on Mother's Day on incoming tide around the Fire Island Lighthouse. This was on sand worms on light tackle.

## EAST ROCKAWAY

**Skippy's Bait & Tackle** tells of a good weekend with mixed bag action. Fluke on the small side, says Skippy. Flounder still good off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. Stan Kaplan and crew had 60 keepers fishing the Cement Block with worm and mussel. Weakfish from Jone's Beach on east on sand or jelly worms. A 10 lb. blackfish was taken between buoys 12 and 13 off Ocean Beach by John Barroni of Valley Stream on sand worm while weakfishing. A good mixed bag.

## JAMAICA BAY

**J-Bay Boat Rental** reports flounders

are on the move and boats are getting 12 to 16 per fishing NW Point. Some small porgies and blackfish are being taken. Schoolie bass are being taken at the South Radar Pier on worm and on grass shrimp(on the hook and for chum) in the 3 to 6 lb. range. Plenty of eels all over the bay. No signs of fluke, blues or weaks yet but the bunker is in.

## SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **Flamingo III** says the mackerel are through for now and he is switching over to ling, whiting and sea bass. The skipper says the bottom picture has grown very alive while everyone was mid-depth fishing for mackerel. The boat will be working local wrecks and open bottom and it looks like a good spring mixed bag coming up.

Joe at **Stella Maris Bait & Tackle** says that blackfish are the best bet off the Jersey rocks and wrecks, Manhattan Beach and the Tin Can and the bridge abutments. Plenty of blacks in the 2 to 4 lb. range. Blues, Blues, Blues all you want, jigging with diamond jigs at the Tin Can, Norton's Point and Sandy Hook. These are 3 to 5 pounders and should last one more week, then they should leave and return later. Flounders at Jamaica Bay and at the jetty on worm, clam and mussel. Macks in the Sound being pursued by the headboats and some whiting at Ambrose and the Mud Hole.

The **Pilot II** whichspecializes in blackfish reports a very good Saturday and Sunday plus a solid Monday through Friday as well, on blackfish from 1 to 6 lbs. and sea bass from 1 to 3 lbs. on the Jersey rocks. Fish are hitting green crabs, fiddlers and clam and Tommy says that the fishing is consistently good. He says some passengers are getting 40 to 50 fish. Sunday catches ranged from 30 to 40 fish and an overall average would be 10 to 20 fish a man.

Capt Kevin of the **Dorothy B** reports the flounders are fantastic with things slowing down a bit on Sunday due to the wind. Monday through Saturday saw excellent catches at Sandy Hook and at the Rockaway jetty. Sandy Hook was best on the ebb and Rockaway was best on the flood, fish ranging from ¾ to 2½ lbs. A few blackfish were taken to 3 lbs. and few midget fluke were also hooked and released. Flounders are eating sand worms and clam.

Don't forget to be at the Blessing of the Sheepshead Bay Fleet which will be held on Sunday, May 24th from 4 to 6 p.m. All the boats will be giving rides on that date.

## STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** tells us that bluefish have now taken a lot of the angler's attention. Fish are averaging 2 to 4 lbs. with a few 8 to 10 pounders. Fish are being trolled from Annandale Beach to Princess Bay and

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## GREENPORT

Capt John Rainis of the charter boat **Blue Albatross** called to say that flounders were excellent over the weekend. Friday's charter for the John Hancock Company saw Bob Serina take the pool with a 2½ lb. flounder. Bob was hi hook also. also from Middle Grounds to Kingsburg on single tubes or umbrellas, any color. A few weaks up to 8 lbs. mixed in. Blackfish averaging 2 lbs. but up to 5 lbs. on greens and fiddlers at the Old Orchard Lighthouse and at Old Home Dock.

Saturday's trip for the Blue Bird Fishing Club saw Chris Fieldstadt take hi hook honors. Pool winners were Art Graff and Art Shaffer. Sunday's charter for the Westbury Fire Dept. saw Bill Donahue as hi hook. The pool fish was caught by Sterel Raynor. Pool runner up was Bill Donahue.

**AP White Bait Shop** tells us that the charter fleet at Greenport had a great week on weaks to the tune of 40 to 60 a trip fishing locally. Good catches of flounders at Tobacco Lot mixed with blackfish. The Sound between Greenport and Orient has been good on flounders and blacks on sand worms. This is for both boats and beach fishermen. Art says the fishing has generally been good to very good. The weakfish are here and are being caught. Some bluefish are being caught along with the weaks. Art says that flounder are expected to remain a good item also until June off Gardiner's Island. Weakfish are hitting jelly worms, sand worms and twister lures.

Capt Rich Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** called to say that he's been having very good weakfish catches ever since Wednesday. Thursday's and Friday's charters had over 50 fish a trip in the 4 to 11 lb. range. Fish are hitting jelly worms and hi/lo rigs armed with squid strips. Things were a little slower Sunday due to the wind. A 9 lb. fluke was picked up in the Bay aboard the **Nancy Ann** by Ed Perhauch of Twins Inn Fishing Club, on squid. A few 4 lb. blues were mixed in with the weakfish.

Capt George Porter of the **Brand X** called to report great flounder fishing all week on both his boat and on the **Peconic Star**, skippered by Capt Dave Brennan. They fished Petty's, Orient and the Sound. Weakfish have moved in strong and the **Brand X** is now switching over to weakfishing on daily and evening schedules. See ad for sailing times. The weakfish are running from 5 to 12 lbs.

## SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** says the weaks are here! Karolyn and Bill Williams along with Bertha and Jim Hammer scored with 17 weakfish up to 13 lbs. 5 oz. fishing buoy 18 on Friday. They used squid strips, Salty Dogs and jelly worms. The fish were hungry and hit everything. Friday and Saturday, weakfish were all over the place said Ace with buoys 18, 17 west of Jessup's and buoy 16 probably the best. One rental skiff that stayed out over night totaled 71 weaks and 2 blues. On Saturday the Holmes Brothers fished Rose's Grove and had over 100 porgies up to 3 lbs. 4 oz. using sand worms, squid, mussel and clam. Very good weaks at 17 and 18 and off Greenlawn. Flounders still a good item at Orient with over 300 good keepers for 3 men in one rental skiff using mussel, clam and worm bait and mussel chum. Fish were from 1 to 1¾ lbs. A few blacks at the Lighthouse on fiddlers and green crabs.

## NEW SUFFOLK

**Capt Jim's Fishing Station** tells of very good fishing. Aside from the weakfish being in the Bay, SEA PORGIES have invaded the area and are running from 1½ to 2 ½ lbs. One rental skiff came back with 2 bushels chock full of sea porgies plus several big weakfish in the 9 lb. class and 2 blackfish running 5 to 6 lbs. each. Best porgy action has been at buoy 23 and Cow Neck on clam along with lots of chum. The weakfish are hitting squid and jelly worms of all colors. Weakfish catches are raning from 5 to 36 a boat. It's strong fishing for weaks and sea porgies now says Newt.

Sal at **Capt Marty's Fishing Station** tells of good weakfish and porgy catches for his skiffs. Weaks are averaging 6 to 12 lbs., running up to 15 lbs. The porgies are going up to 3½ lbs. Try buoy 23 for weaks and buoy 30 for porgies. Good weakfish results have been gotten drifting between buoys 23 and 30. Or, try

anchoring at buoy 23 and chumming up weaks to 12 lbs. and porgies to 3½ lbs. Productive drifts have also been made from buoy 23 to the sand slide, east of Cow Neck for weaks. Lots of fish around said Sal. Porgies want clam or worm and the weaks prefer red jelly worms, twisters and Salty Dogs tipped with squid.

## AQUEBOGUE

Ed at **Warren's Tackle Center** tells of weakfish in Peconic Bay, with the South Race being best on jelly worms tipped with squid. Fish are being caught on the ebb best, up to 14 lbs., 7 to 10 per boat. Porgies are showing up to 40 a skiff in the 1 to 2½ lb. range, both tides on clam and sand worm and plenty of chum at buoys 30 and 32. In the Sound blackfish are eing caught off the beaches and from boats on sand worm and clam from 2 to 8 lbs. Macks about ½ mile off the beach, all you want.

## NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Marina** tells us that on Saturday Don Hartman, Frank Manfre, Frank Gushue and Ed Varriale totaled 16 weaks to 11½ lbs. fishing between buoys 17 and 18 using white jelly worms with squid tails. Sunday one of the rental skiffs had 22 weaks taken on purple jelly worms with squid tails. Helen also weighed in a weak that ran just under 13 lbs.

## SAG HARBOR

Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station** reports good weakfishing at buoy 15 (east end) near South Ferry up to buoy 16 at the west end. Noyac Bay and off the Monastery have also produced. Weaks are running 6 to 10 lbs. and are hitting white and purple jelly worms and Salty Dogs plus Tri-Fin spoon jigs, with all the aforementioned tipped with squid. Flounders at Cedar Point averaging 1 lb., catches averaging 50 per boat on worm and mussel. Weaks also at buoy 14 outside Sag Harbor and at Kelly's Point. Weakfish are plentiful, averaging 4 per skiff, outgoing tide being best. Best area for flounders to over 2 lbs. has been Tobacco Lot on the east side of Gardiner's on mussels.

Chris reminded that he is an official weigh-in station for this weekend's upcoming Peconic Bay weakfish contest being sponsored by The Long Island Fisherman and Chemical Bank. Bayview Fishing Station was inadvertently omitted from the list of weigh stations on contest posters.

The **Wilhelric II** reports excellent flounder catches still being made at Orient Point and Petty's Bight. Plenty of fish in the ¾ to 1 lb. range. On Saturday the boat fished Gardiner's, Eastern Plains Point and Tobacco Lot with roughly 100 fish in the 2 to 3 lb. class. The Capt fishes Gardiner's Island when the weather is right.

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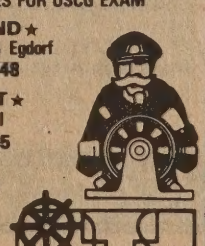
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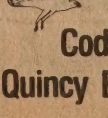
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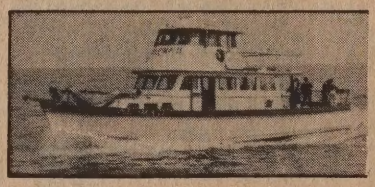

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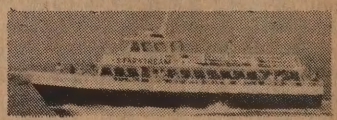

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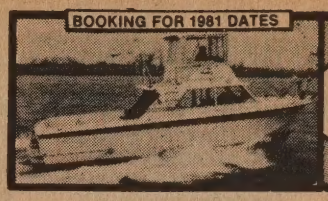


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Ralph of **Ralph's Fishing Station** said that mackerel fishing held up well on Sunday in the buoy 11 area. Lots of big blackfish all along local beaches, with fiddler crabs and skimmer clams accounting for most of the tautogs. The biggest checked in over the weekend was a husky 11 lber. Also along the beaches, flounder, many from 1-2 lbs., being taken on worms and clams. As for weakfish, reports of a few in the 3-4 lb. class being taken from beneath the mackerel schools.

## PORT JEFFERSON

Capt John Fisher of the open boat **Aqua Gem** reports that the mackerel remains fair to good and that bottom fishing is really solid now. Thursday saw 15 fares take nearly 300 flounders up to 1¾ lbs. Charlie Miller of Mt Sinai was hi hook with 30 flounder. A 4 lb. blackfish took the pool. Sunday, fares had mackerel, flounders and blacks. Sam Coston of East NY was hi hook with 25 flatties and took the pool with a 6 lb. black. There was also a scattering of sea bass and porgies. All action was east of Port Jeff. The flounder hit well on sand worms and jelly clam. The blackfish took green crab, fiddlers and clam.

Tim at **Caraftis Fishing Station** spoke of plenty of mackerel from the inlet out to buoy 11. A few weaks mixed with the macks including an 11 lber. which was check in at the station. Blackfishing now in good shape, with Oldfield Pt. and Mt. Misery producing best. Some nice flounder still around also for those looking to add a few more fillets to the freezer. Inside the harbor school bass being taken by worm trollers and casters tossing small Rebels.


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Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** reported flounder fishing still good and, in fact, it appears as if there are more and bigger fish in the harbor now than there has been in recent weeks. Best fishing for flounder and blacks, though, is out around black can 13 off Eaton's Neck. Mackerel fishing has been hit or miss, with some guys loading up and other guys just picking away. The area around the Lilco loading platform has provided the most consistent fishing.

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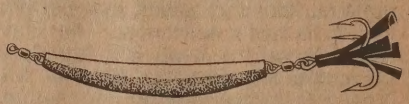
was Allen Smith with a 7 lb. black. Packy will have to tell you what the blackfish was caught on. Sunday's pool was a tie between Art Kesser of East Northport and Bob Amandola. Please note that the boat WILL sail on May 25, Memorial Day.

George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** reported plenty of mackerel out in the Sound off of Lloyd's Pt. and Eaton's Neck, as well as the Lilco loading platform. Plenty of blackfish around also, as demonstrated by Lou Fenza on Friday. Lou fished Eaton's Neck and totalled 30 tautogs up to 7 lbs. Some flounder still being taken off of Crab Meadow and at Eaton's Neck. A few school bass for worm trollers along the Cold Spring Harbor causeway.

## GLEN COVE

Capt Joe of the **Lady Lil** tells of excellent fishing all week on flounders. Hi hooks always ranged from 30 to 50 fish. On Wednesday Ed Kessler of Casino Cleaners, Merrick, had 45 keepers. Friday Valley Stream angler Lenny Manfie had 42 keeper flounders up to 2¼ lbs. Bill Santoro of Rosedale had 33 flounders. On Saturday which was a super day, the average catch was in the 20s. John DeRosa and friend Ed of Valley Stream had 113 keeper flounder between them.

John of the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported that while flounder fishing is still okay, blackfish have now taken over as the No. 1 attention-getter in the area. Everyone caught blackfish this weekend, with the best area being Prybil Pier and the surrounding beaches. Fiddler crabs have been the most effective bait. Lots of small bass around, with worm trollers taking fish in Hempstead Harbor and along local beaches. A few small weaks starting t to mix with the bass, according to John.



**Roxanne Uhl, Lynda Perilli and Kelly Wallace, all 12 years of age, show off part of their flounder catch made in the Nissequogue River on sand worms.**

# NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★

**MACKEREL**

## CITY ISLAND

**Ebb Tide III** reports mackerel catches good with the boat working the Smithtown area. Fish are going from 1½ to 2 lbs.

**Jack's Bait and Tackle** reports lots of nice blackfish at the south end of Harts Island and near the old CBS tower. Fish up to 8¾ lbs. were weighed this weekend with fiddler crabs resulting in the best scores. A few flounder still being taken and mackerel have moved as far west as Hempstead, so it looks like they should be in local waters any day now. Lots of school bass, including many shorts being taken by worm trollers around Harts and High Islands.

Karen Weaver displays a brace of 4 lb. flounder, part of a catch of 74 flatties made by her and her husband Bob on a recent trip up to Pleasant Bay, Massachusetts. Subscriber photo.

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# SURF REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The first surf caught cow bass is now a matter of record. Hard fishing Jason Colby of Long Beach slid a 30 lb. striper ashore Sunday night while fishing the Jones Beach area. It was school bass, however, that made up the bulk of this week's report with fish ranging from shorts up to 6 lbs. spread around both shores of the Island. In Staten Island, Lenny of Santo's Sport Shop reported casters fishing worms at Great Kills Park taking school bass from shorts up to 4 lbs. Bluefish arrived on the scene this past week with fair action from Great Kills Park to Tottenville at dawn and dusk. Plugs, tin and bait have been accounting for fish in the 4-8 lb. range. Lenny noted that a few weaks have begun hitting small swimmers on the back side of the harbor.

Bernie Haag who relays info from the Long Beach Sports Marina said that the Atlantic Beach surf came alive with 3-4 lb. blues Sunday AM. Fish were taken on both plugs and tin according to one youngster who stopped by to show Bernie a stringer of small choppers.

From his Seaford Tackle Shop, Lon Wanser knew that casters picked away at weakfish and small blues this past week at West End, Jones Beach and also at Fire Island. Last week's hectic bluefish action fizzled, however. School bass in the 5-6 lb. range are being taken in the Fire Island area on tins and Redfins according to Carl at Smokey's Bait and Tackle in Bay Shore. Several anglers have stopped by to display schoolies taken this past week. Tom Hausman checked in a catch of 12 stripers from 5-6 lbs. at Augie's Bait and Tackle in Babylon on Wednesday of last week.

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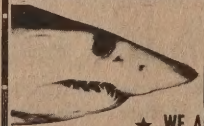

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small blues and a couple of small bass, according to Tom at Speck's Bait and Tackle in Shinnecock. A good run of weakfish, however, up at Long Beach on Tri-Fin spoon jigs, jelly worms and local squid strips fished on the bottom. This via Chris at Bayview Tackle in Sag Harbor. Chris told me that while most of the fish in recenet days have been 5-7 lbs., fish taken earlier last week were mostly 7 lbs. and up.

Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch reported that the first bass were taken by casters at the Point on Thursday night despite the huge hauls being made by netters for nearly four weeks now. John himself took a 15 lb. striper fishing Jones' Thursday evening. A few fish are being taken each night on tins with the action confined to 6PM until dark. Most are in the 6-7 lb. range. No weaks or blues as of yet and bait along the beaches has been sparse according to John.

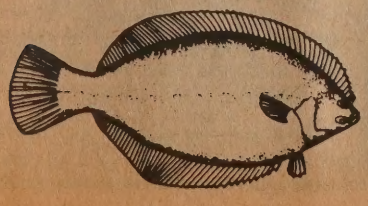
Moving over to the North Shore, Jack told me from his City Island Tackle Shop that lots of schoolies, including many shorts, are being taken along the shore at Orchard Beach and in Turtle Cove. Small Rebels and bucktail and worm combos have been the ticket here with most of the action occurring on the last two hours of incoming and the first two hours of the drop.

School bass from 3-6 lbs. were reported taken along Wading River beaches on Rebels and RedFins, while a few small weaks in the 3-4 lb. range were taken on tins at Miller Place.

Inside of Port Jeff harbor, some school bass being taken on 4½" Rebels, this according to Tim at Caraftis Fishing Station in Port Jeff.

Thom Bowman extolled the run of stripers along the beach from Crab Meadow to the Lilco power plant. Although half of the fish are shorts, catches of 15 to 20 bass per man are not uncommon. Most are in the 2-4 lb. class. Small white bucktails, half oounce Whiptails and 4½" Rebels have all been taking the fish. George Valentine of Four Winds Bait and Tackle dittoed Thom's Lilco report and added that a few school bass are also falling to small Rebels along the Cold Spring Harbor CausewaY.

Further west, John at Glen Cove Sport Shop reported a good run of school bass along local beaches including Matinecock Pt. and the Hempstead Harbor shore line. Rebels have been taking fish ranging from shorts up to 5 lbs. with an occasional larger fish mixed in. Ron Oldenberg took fish all week long, as did Jim Lynch. Ron's largest bass during the week was a 10 lber.

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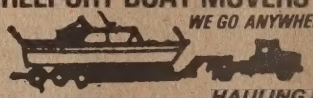

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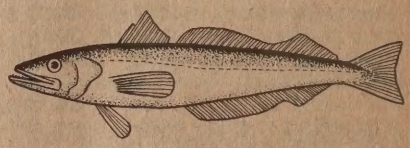

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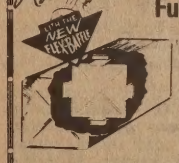

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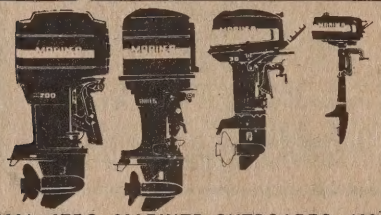

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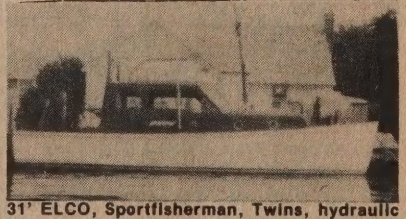

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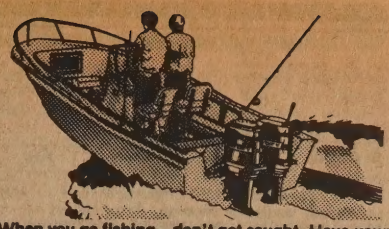

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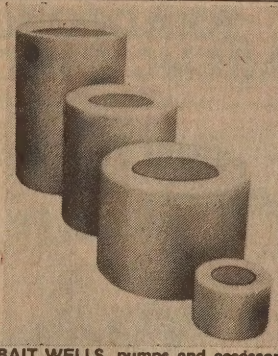

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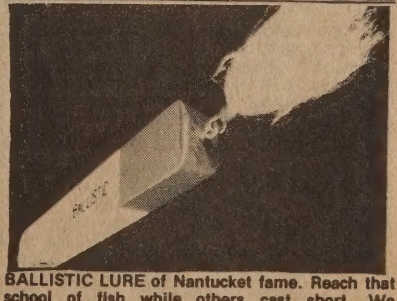

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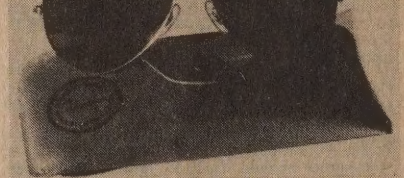

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| DAY | SANDY HOOK | | Breakwater Harbor | | NEW YORK | | NEW LONDON | | WILLETS POINT | | BRIDGE-PORT | | NEWPORT | | DATE |
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| FRI. | 10:50 | 11:00 | 11:40 | 11:50 | 11:35 | 11:25 | – | 12:35 | 1:35 | 2:05 | 1:50 | 2:25 | 10:55 | 11:10 | 5/22 |
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| Seaside Park | –0 33 |
| Mantoloking zbridge | +5 34 |
| TOMS RIVER | +4 37 |
| Waretown | +2 33 |
| BARNEGAT LIGHT | –0 20 |
| Manahawkin Bridge | +2 33 |
| Beach Haven | +1 47 |
| LITTLE EGG INLET | –0 01 |
| Seven Islands | +0 12 |
| Graveling Point | +1 05 |
| Mullica River | +1 55 |
| Grassy Bay | +1 08 |
| ABSECON INLET | +0 14 |
| Atlantic City Pier | –0 26 |
| Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet | +0 12 |
| GREAT EGG HARBOR | +0 46 |
| CORSON INLET | +0 09 |
| TOWNESEND INLET | +0 06 |
| HEREFORD INLET | +0 02 |
| Grassy Sound Bridge | +0 45 |
| Cape May Harbor | –0 02 |
| Rehoboth Beach | –0 07 |
| INDIAN RIVER INLET | +0 14 |
| SHINNECOCK INLET | –0 50 |
| Shinnecock Bay | +1 25 |
| East Quogue | +2 45 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +1 18 |
| Indian Reservation | +3 05 |
| MORICHES INLET | –0 56 |
| Smith's Point | +3 28 |
| Harts Cove | +1 30 |
| Pontunck Point | +3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | +3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | –0 38 |
| Democrat Point | –0 38 |
| Coast Guard Station | –0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | +0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville | +3 39 |
| Heckscher State Pk. | +3 20 |
| Bay Shore | +2 23 |
| Babylon | +2 12 |
| Amityville | +2 21 |
| JONES INLET | –0 19 |
| Zachs Bay | +1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | +2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | +0 34 |
| E. ROCKAWAY INLET | –0 06 |
| Long Beach Bridge | +0 19 |
| ROCKAWAY INLET | –0 00 |
| Beach Ch. Bridge | +0 38 |
| JFK Airport | +0 26 |

## On BRIDGEPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | +0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | +0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | +0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | +0 03 |
| Northport Bay | +0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | +0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | –0 03 |
| Cranes Neck Point | +0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Harbor | +0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | +0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | –0 08 |
| Herod Point | –0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | +0 19 |
| Horton Point | –0 20 |
| Truman Beach | –0 42 |
| Falkner Island | –0 13 |
| Sachem Head | –0 10 |
| Branford Harbor | –0 07 |
| New Haven Harbor | –0 08 |
| Milford Harbor | –0 07 |
| Stratford | +0 27 |
| Shelton | +1 36 |
| Black Rock Harbor | –0 03 |
| Saugatuck River | –0 01 |
| South Norwalk | +0 10 |
| Greens Ledge | –0 01 |
| Stamford | +0 04 |
| Cos Cob Harbor | +0 06 |
| Greenwich | +0 02 |

## On NEW LONDON

| | |
|---|---|
| Orient Point | +0 27 |
| Little Gull Is. (Race) | +0 12 |
| Greenport | +1 04 |
| Southold | +1 43 |
| New Suffolk | +2 26 |
| South Jamesport | +2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | +2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | +0 59 |
| Gardiners Bay | +0 21 |
| Promised Land | –0 14 |
| Montauk Inlet | –0 25 |
| Montauk Point | –1 13 |
| Niantic | +1 20 |
| Stonington | –0 33 |
| Noank, Mystic River | –0 23 |
| THAMES RIVER | |
| Smith Cove | –0 01 |
| Norwich | +0 09 |
| CONNECTICUT RIVER | |
| Saybrook jetty | +1 10 |
| Lyme | +1 24 |
| Essex | +1 38 |
| East Haddam | +2 41 |
| Higganum Creek | +2 54 |

## On WILLETS PT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | –0 10 |
| Execution Light | –0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | –0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | –0 11 |
| City Island | –0 03 |
| Rye Beach | –0 28 |
| Port Chester | –0 09 |
| Mamaroneck | –0 08 |
| New Rocheele | –0 24 |
| Davids Island | –0 02 |

## On B'WATER HB.

| | |
|---|---|
| CAPE MAY POINT | –0 10 |
| Miami Beach | +1 17 |
| East Point | +0 53 |
| Egg Island Point | +0 33 |
| Cape Henlopen | –0 05 |
| ROOSEVELT INLET | +0 09 |
| Mispillion River Ent. | +0 33 |
| St. Jones River Ent. | +0 57 |

## On NEW YORK

| | |
|---|---|
| Jersey City | +0 07 |
| Geo. Washington Br. | +0 46 |
| Spuyten Duyvil | +0 58 |
| Ossining | +1 53 |
| Peekskill | +2 24 |
| West Point | +3 16 |
| Newburg | +3 42 |

## On NEWPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Sakonnet | –0 10 |
| Tiverton | +0 21 |
| Beavertail Point | –0 02 |
| Prudence Is., Sandy Pt. | +0 10 |
| Bristol | +0 10 |
| Warren | +0 21 |
| Nayett Point | +0 12 |
| Pawtucket | +0 21 |
| East Greenwich | +0 16 |
| Wickford | +0 12 |
| Narragansett Pier | –0 08 |
| Point Judith Harbor | –0 07 |
| BLOCK ISLAND | |
| Great Salt Pond | +0 05 |
| Old Harbor | –0 14 |
| Watch Hill Point | +0 44 |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5/22 | 5:34 | 8:20 |
| 5/23 | 5:33 | 8:21 |
| 5/24 | 5:32 | 8:22 |
| 5/25 | 5:32 | 8:23 |
| 5/26 | 5:31 | 8:24 |
| 5/27 | 5:31 | 8:25 |
| 5/28 | 5:30 | 8:26 |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5/22 | 11:27 PM | 8:21AM |
| 5/23 | — | 9:13AM |
| 5/24 | 12:13AM | 10:11AM |
| 5/25 | 12:54AM | 11:12AM |
| 5/26 | 1:32AM | 12:16PM |
| 5/27 | 2:07AM | 1:23PM |
| 5/28 | 2:40AM | 2:31PM |

## Moon Phases

| NEW | 1st Qtr. | FULL | 2nd Qtr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5/4 | 5/10 | 5/19 | 5/26 |

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**SOLUNAR TABLES**
*When To Fish Or Hunt*

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

| | AM | | PM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minor | Major | Minor | Major |
| Thurs. | 7:20 | 1:10 | 7:50 | 1:35 |
| Fri. | 8:15 | 2:05 | 8:45 | 2:30 |
| Sat. | 9:15 | 3:05 | 9:35 | 3:20 |
| Sun. | 10:05 | 3:55 | 10:35 | 4:20 |
| Mon. | 11:00 | 4:50 | 11:30 | 5:15 |
| Tues. | 11:55 | 5:45 | — | 6:10 |
| Wed. | 12:25 | 6:30 | 12:40 | 6:55 |
| Thurs. | 1:10 | 7:15 | 1:25 | 7:40 |

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